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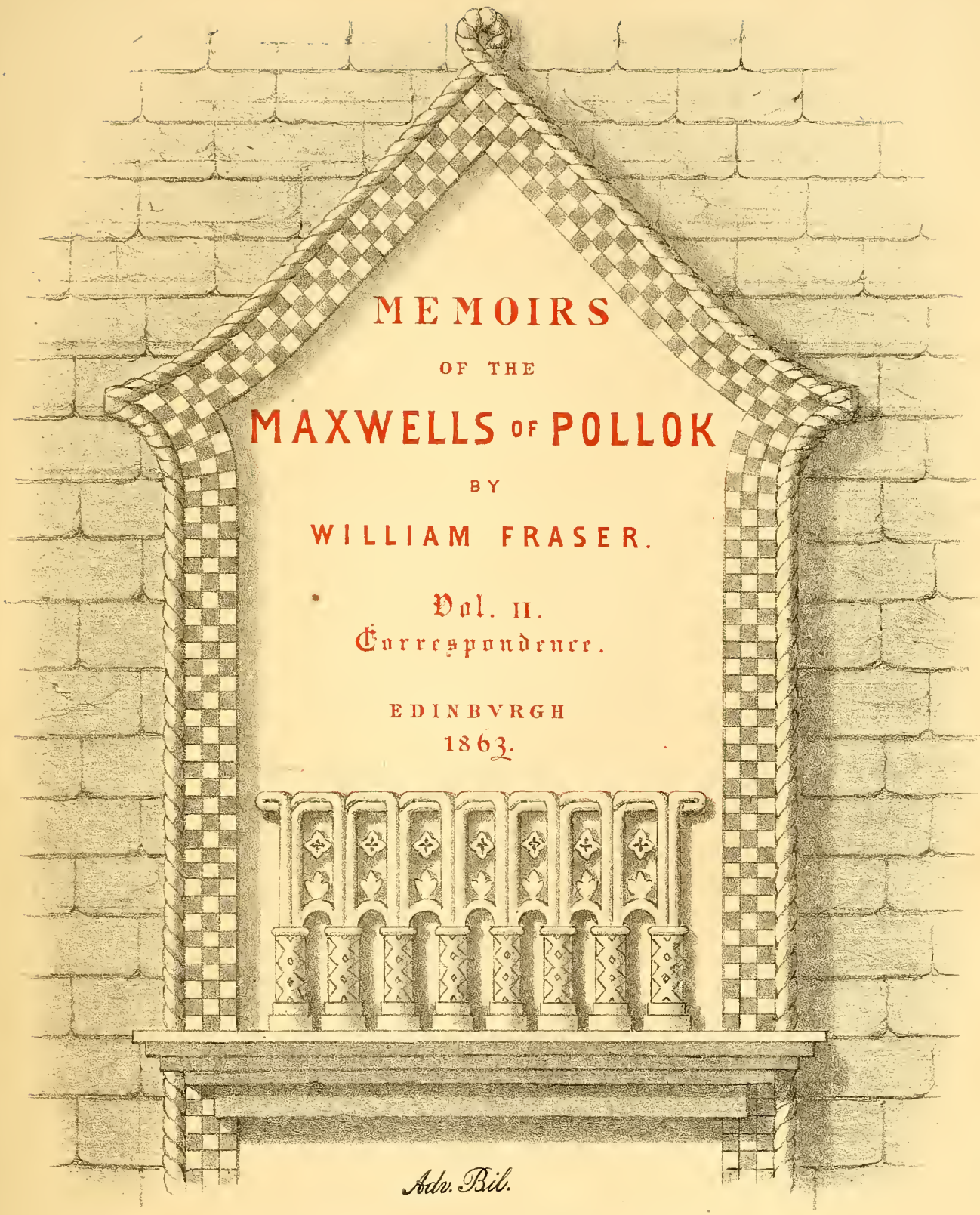
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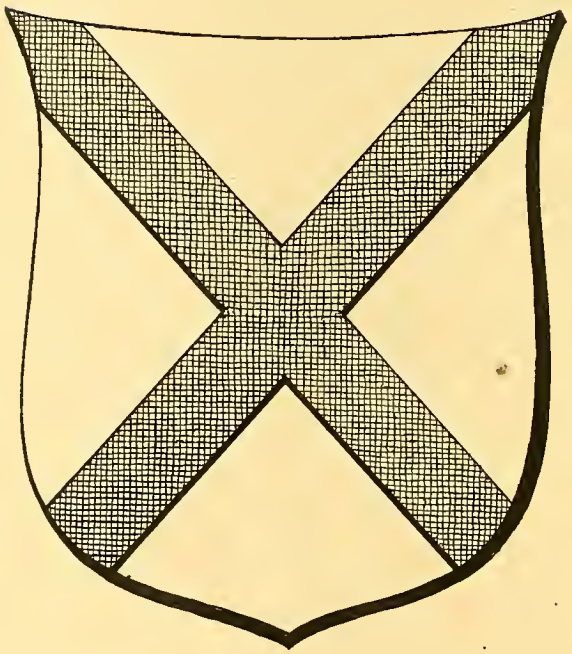

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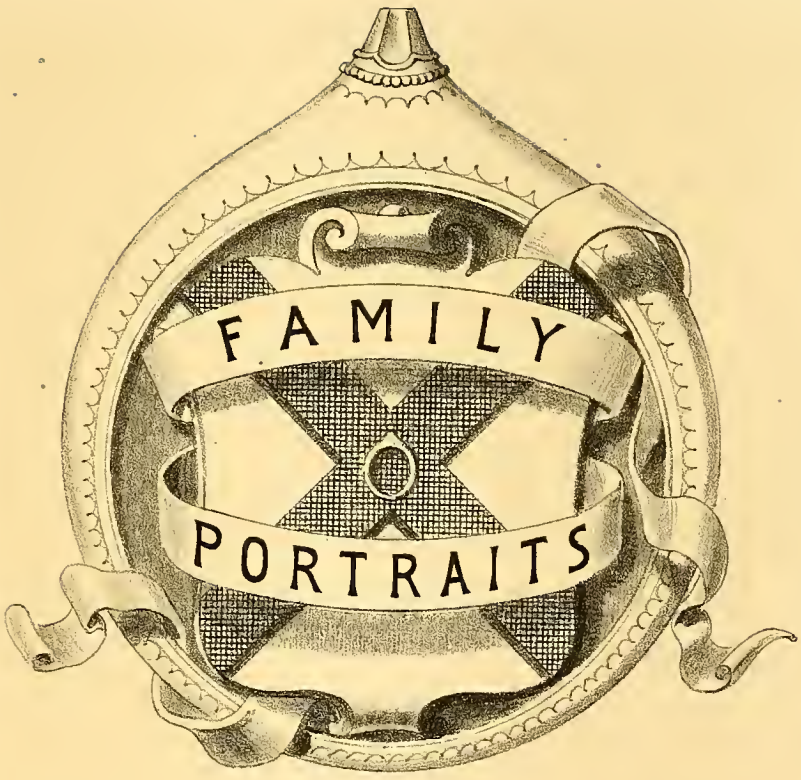
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LADY ANN CARMICHAEL

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Nº 5.

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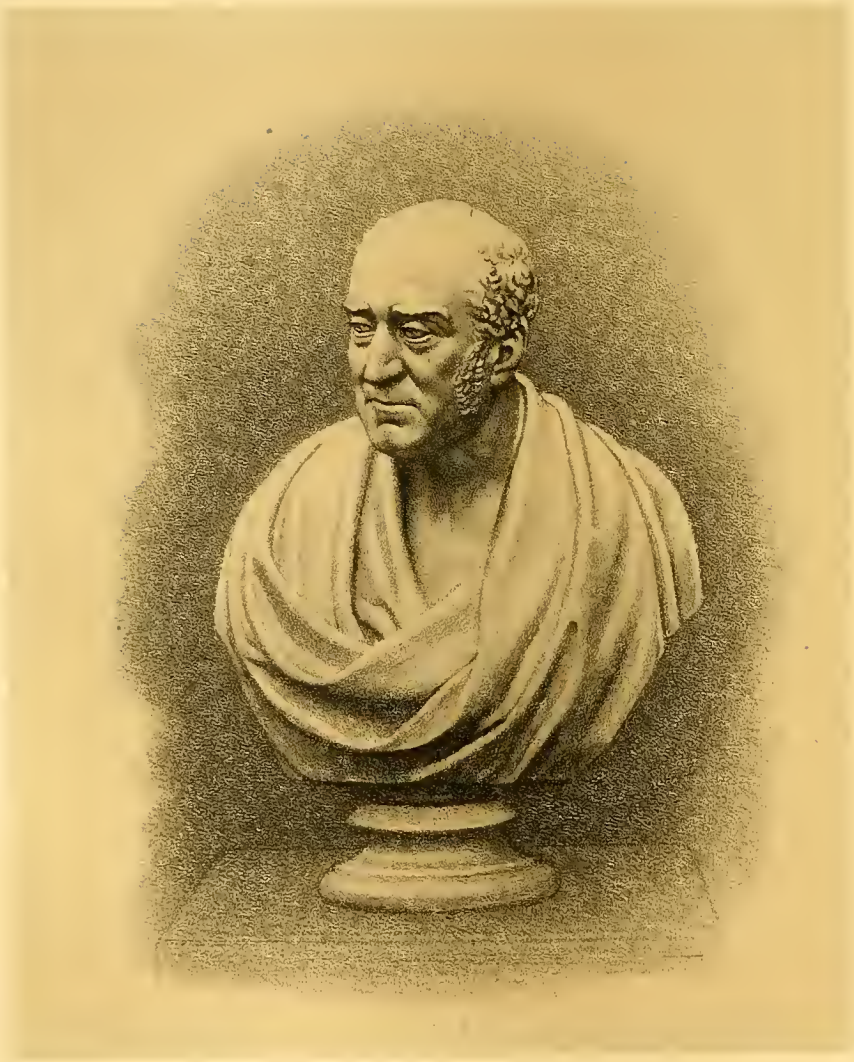

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LADY MAXWELL OF POLLOK

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LADY MAXWELL OF POLLOK.

N° 10.

CAPTAIN RICHARD GARDINER,
FATHER OF LADY MAXWELL.

CAPTAIN ROBERT MAXWELL,
YOUNGER SON OF SIR JAMES MAXWELL OF POLLOK.

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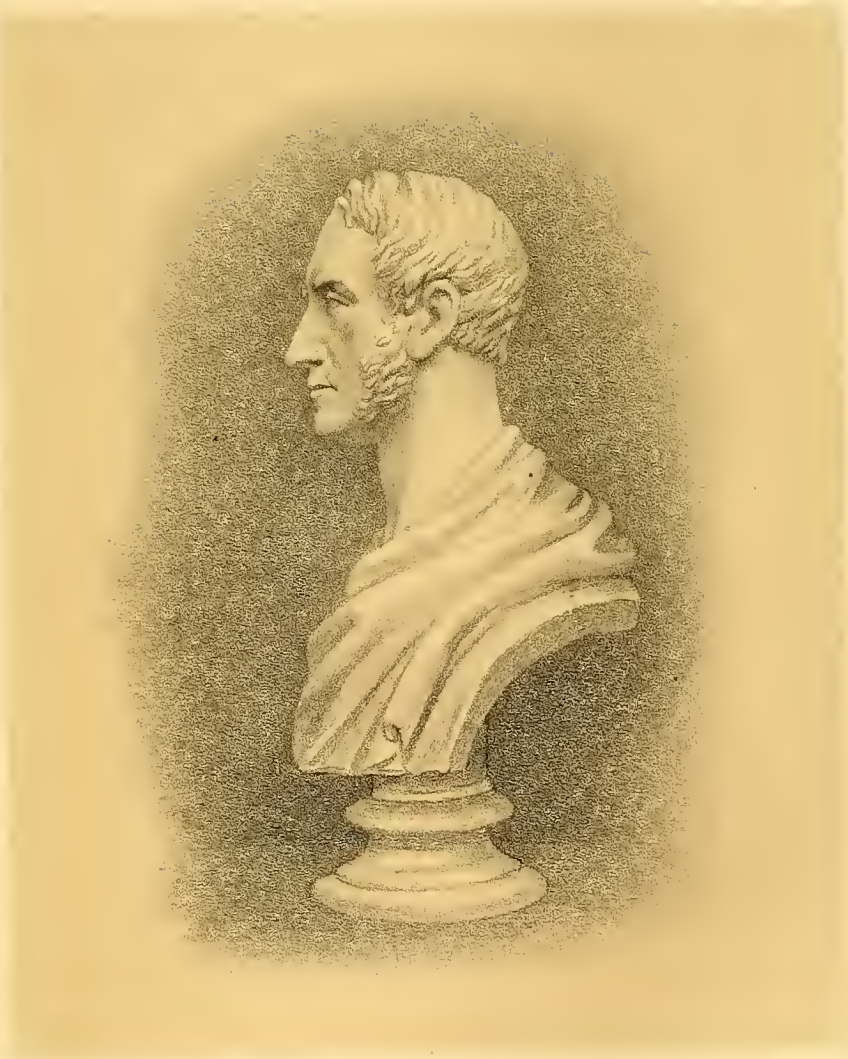

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35. Instructions by King James VI. to Mr. James Semple of Beltrees, when on a mission to the Queen [Elizabeth] of England, consisting of 28 articles, all bearing upon the case of Mr. Ashfield, the Englishman referred to in No. 11, *supra*, wherein his Majesty enters into the details of his presenting himself at the Scottish Court, his conduct while in Scotland, and his forcible abduction by Lord Wyllonghby, Governor of Berwick, of which he complains to her Majesty; and also of the conduct of Her Majesty's ambassador at the Scottish Court in reference to that matter. [Circa 1598], ... 29

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37. The Same to the Same, wherein he expresses his gratitude on aeeount of his Majesty's gracious approval of what he had done; mentions some further particulars conneeted with the matter of Ashfield (No. 35, *supra*); and refers to some information given to him by a Seotchman in the service of an English nobleman regarding his Master's attachment to the King's cause, also to another eourse to be advised upon with regard to Mr. Colvill, and to some cautious with respect to his (Beltreis') intercourse with Mr. Secretary (Walsingham), etc. London, 20th September 1599, ... 37

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39. The Same to the Same, thanking him for his graeious approval of former services; stating that he did not presume to advise his Majesty in such eases as that of Colvill, but that he still thought he should not be pardoned; advising his Majesty still to keep his book secret, and promising, with regard to Pembroke, to be as busy as possible. London, 10th November 1599, ... 42

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50. John Spottiswood, Archbishop of Glasgow, to King James VI., wherein he alludes to the citation of Sir Alexander Seytoun to appear before the Privy Council, at his Majesty's instance, to answer for having assumed the title of Earl of Eglintoun without his Majesty's consent, and informs his Majesty of what steps had been taken by the parties chiefly concerned; suggests the importance to his Majesty's affairs of having the chief offices of the Government filled up, and recommends that Lord Rochester should be called to the direction of affairs; states that the Earl of Cassillis was favourable to the annulling of heritable sheriffships, and was prepared to set an example to others by giving up the jurisdiction that belonged heritably to himself; and concludes by reminding his Majesty that Whitsunday next was the term appointed for payment to Sir Robert Maxwell of the sum promised him (12,000 merks), for the resignation of the lands of Newabbey. Glasgow, 6th May 1613, ... 64

51. John Spottiswood, Archbishop of Glasgow, to Sir James Semple of Beltrees, requesting him to remind his Majesty of the bond for 12,000 merks Scots, which he (the Archbishop) had granted to Sir Robert Maxwell as security for the fulfilment of his Majesty's promise to pay that sum to him for the resignation of the lands of Newabbey, and which would become due at Whitsunday next; and concluding with various details regarding the political changes, etc., alluded to in the preceding letter to his Majesty. Glasgow, 6th May 1613,..... 65

52. George Gladstanes, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to King James VI., giving his Majesty a detailed account of the apprehension of one James Stewart, *alias* James of Jerusalem, a papist, for maltreating his wife, who was a cousin of the Lord Ochiltrie; and also on a charge of heresy; of his trial before the Kirk Session of Edinburgh, and the Lords of his Majesty's High Commission, and of his escape from custody; and enclosing to his Majesty the depositions emitted by him and his wife before the High Commission, etc.; advising that direction be given to apprehend the Laird of Geyght, and set him fast in Edinburgh Castle; informing him that the Earl of Home has not received the Communion; and that the library of St. Andrews,

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founded by his Majesty, is to be a very stately and " magnifik hous." Edinburgh, 28th May 1613,..... 68

53. Alexander first Earl of Dunfermline, Chancellor of Scotland, and Thomas first Lord Binning, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, enclosing a Commission to him to act as Convener of the Justices of the Peace for the county of Renfrew, in room of the Laird of Craiganis, deceased. 2d November 1616, ... 72

54. Ludovick second Duke of Lennox to Sir Johu Maxwell of Pollok; requesting that he would meet him at the Bishop's Bridge, on the 22d of the current month, as his Majesty was then to visit Glasgow. Stirling, 2d July 1617, ... 73

55. James Law Archbishop of Glasgow to King James VI., stating that he had forwarded to Sir James Semple a petition from the Bishop of Argyle, and recommending it to his Majesty's favourable consideration; requesting that his Majesty would be pleased to appoint him and the Bishops of Galloway and Argyle to inquire into the condition of the Bishoprie of the Isles, with a view to the appointment of a resident Bishop there; and informing his Majesty of the high estimation in which he held Sir James Semple, both on account of his soundness in regard to religion, and of his devotion to his Majesty's service. 5th December 1618, ... 73

56. The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, with his Commission to be Couvener of the Justices of the Peace for the shire of Renfrew. Haliruidhous, 10th September 1623, ... 74

In a postscript to this letter the Lords recommend that, at the first meeting of the Commission, " some solid course be tane anent the poor," and a report thereof returned to the Council.

57. The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener of the Justices of the Peace for the shire of Renfrew, requesting him to send to his Majesty's Council at Stirling, on the 9th March following, or the first Council day thereafter, an account, under the hand of the Clerk of the Peace, of the diligence of the Justices since he was appointed Convener, and espeeially the names of those who had, and of those who had not, accepted the Commission; and of the manner in which they had attended the ordinary meetings, etc. Edinburgh, 1st February 1625, ... 76

58. The Lords of Privy Couneil to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener of the Justices of the Peace for the shire of Renfrew, requesting him to call a meeting of the Commission of the Peace, and other barons and gentlemen within that shire, and to urge them to make choice of some sufficient persons as Commissioners for taking into considcration a petition to his Majesty from the Commissioners for the Burghs, praying for a general restraint of the exportation of forbidden goods, without exeeption or limitation, and for a free importation of foreign victual without payment of custom; and in regard to the coinage. Edinburgh, 30th March 1626,..... 77

59. The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener, and the other Justices

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of the Peaee for the shire of Renfrew; referring to the meeting of the Nobility, Counеil, and Commissioners for the Barons and Burghs in April preceeding, at whieh it had been agreed that there should be a general restraint of the exportation of forbidden goods, and informing them that it was his Majesty's pleasure that the Justiees within the several shires of the kingdom should send in to the Clerk of Counеil yearly, before the 20th August, a report in writing under their hands, of the ordinary priee of wool, oxen, eattle, and sheep, of all sorts, within their respective bounds, with a view to the framing of rules for the restraint or exportation of these eommodities, ete. Edinburgh, 14th June 1626,..... 78

60. John Spottiswoode Arehbishop of St. Andrews to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to attend a meeting of the Commissioners appointed by his Majesty for the revoeation of the teinds, ete., to be held at Edinburgh on the 24th of the eurrent month. St. Andrews, 8th November 1626,..... 79

61. The Commissioners for the Surrender of Chureh Lands and Teiuds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to attend the next meeting of the Commissioners at Edinburgh, on the 17th of the eurrent month, as his Majesty had reeommended a eareful attendanee upon that meeting, and had beeu pleased to give direetions for "the prorogation of the Commission from that date till the 1st March thereafter." Edinburgh, 6th January 1627,..... 80

62. The Commissioners for the Surrender of Chureh Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that it had been resolved that the Commissioners should attend the meetings mouthly by turns, and requesting that he would be present during the sittings of the Commission for the month of May next. Halirudhous, April 1627, ... 81

63. The Lords of Privy Counеil to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that his Majesty had undertaken a war against the King of Franee, and that for the proseeutiou thereof he expeeted a supply of 2000 meu to be sent from Seotlaud uuder the eommaud of the Earl of Mortoun; requesting that Sir John would report to their Lordships, in writing, how many men he eould furnish to that levy, who would be treated and paid as well as the rest of his Majesty's armies; aud suggesting that the men should be "of guid vigour and abilitie of bodie, not being of thois who ar in the eommoun rolls for the serviee of the King of Denmark." Halyrudhous, 7th August 1627,..... 82

64. The Lords of Privy Counеil to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, and other Justiees of Peaee for the shire of Renfrew, expressing surprise that they had not made a returu to their Lordships of the priees of nolt, sheep, and wool; and requesting them to inforu themselves on these matters, and send in their report thereof to the Council by the 18th September next. Halyrudhous, 31st August 1627,..... 83

65. The Commissioners for the Surrender of Chureh Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that there had not been a meeting of the Commission sinee 14th Deeember preeeding, for want of a full number of the Commissioners—whieh would be highly offensive to his Majesty; and intimating that a new meeting of the whole Commissioners was to be held at Halirudhous on the 13th of February next, at whieh they request Sir John to be present. Halirudhous, 22d January 1628, ... 84

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66. The Commissioners for the Surrender of Church Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that, through the non-attendance of members at the meeting on the 4th of the current month, the business of the Commission had been greatly hindered, and that, with the view of preventing his Majesty from imputing the failure to the negligence of their Lordships, they had appointed a new meeting of the whole Commissioners, to be held upon the 4th of July next, at which they desire Sir John to attend; and stating that, if the objects of the Commission be again frustrated, their Lordships would be constrained, for their own exoneration, to inform his Majesty through whose default it was occasioned. Halyruidhous, 10th June 1628, ... 85

67. The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener of the Justices of Peace within the shire of Renfrew, requesting that he would transmit to the Clerk of Council, by the 20th of August next, the yearly report from the Justices within his bounds, of the ordinary price of wool, oxen, cattle, and sheep, of all sorts, between the 1st day of May and the first Tuesday of August, with a view to the publishing of rules for the restraint or export of these commodities. Halyruidhous, 10th July 1628, ... 86

68. The Lords Commissioners of Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that a meeting of the whole Commissioners was to be held at Halyrudhous on the 22d September next, and to sit for a week, to deliberate upon sundry matters connected with the execution of their office, and especially his Majesty's earnest recommendation to them to appoint sub-Commissions for trying the constant rent of the lands within each parish in stock and teind, with the view of determining the value of his Majesty's annuity; and requesting that Sir John would attend during the whole diet, as his Majesty had desired their Lordships to inform him of all those who had been written to, and had failed to keep the appointed diet. Halyrudhous, 8th August 1628, ... 87

69. Lieutenant-General George Monck to the Commissioners of Assessment for the Burgh of Ruglen, requesting them, in the name of his Highness (Cromwell) and the Council, to meet at convenient times for the raising of the half-yearly assessment, beginning from the 24th of June next following, so as to have the sums payable by the Act on the 1st of September and the 1st of December respectively, paid in to the receiver by the 6th of July and the 6th of October respectively, in order to meet the pressing occasions of the Commonwealth and of the armies, which would otherwise unavoidably come to free quarter. Edinburgh, 11th May 1658,..... 88

70. Charles sixth Duke of Lenox and Richmond to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his displeasure at the non-delivery of certain guns by his lieutenant, Major Grant, to Lord Blantyre; thanking Sir George for his zeal in all his Lordship's concerns; stating that his Majesty had lent him a frigate of 28 guns, and that he must have 150 able seamen, all Scotchmen, to man her, and intrusting to Sir George the raising and despatching of them; enclosing a protection from his Royal Highness (the Duke of York) for a ship and crew, and requesting Sir George to hire a vessel as cheaply as he could to convey the seamen from Leith to London. Whitehall, 5th February 1671, ... 89

71. The protection above referred to under the hand of James Duke of York and Albany, Earl of

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Ulster, Lord High Admiral of England and Ireland, Constable of Dover Castle, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Governor of Portsmouth, etc. Whitehall, 5th February 1671,..... 91

72. William fifteenth Earl of Crafurd to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him, as a supporter of the Presbyterian interest, to be present at a meeting of the Council for the settlement of several particulars of great importance to the Church. Edinburgh, 8th October 1690, ... 91

73. John second Earl of Tweeddale, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, one of his Majesty's most honorable Privy Council, informing him that, at a meeting of the Privy Council, called upon the 26th of the current month, in consequence of an express from the Queen, sent by Secretary Johnston, it was resolved that all the councillors should be required to attend a meeting upon the 5th of May following, to deliberate and give their advice upon the subject-matter of the said express, and requesting Sir John to be present thereat. Edinburgh, 27th April 1692, ... 92

74. The Same to the Same, intimating that it was the King's pleasure that no councillor should depart out of the kingdom without his Majesty's permission, obtained through one of the Secretaries of State. Edinburgh, 21st September 1692, ... 93

75. Sir James Steuart of Goodtrees, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him, with reference to his Majesty's letter to the Council, and their proclamation following thereupon, for the disarming and dismounting of the country, that he had a letter from Secretary Stair stating that none were to be troubled but such as being required should refuse the oaths; and requesting him to signify this to the sheriff-depute of Renfrewshire, "non amo nimium diligentes." Edinburgh, 10th April 1694, ... 93

76. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares, informing him that a discussion having just taken place in Parliament on the slaughter of Glencoe in February 1692, an opinion had been expressed that the Master of Stair, Secretary of State, was more culpable than the King in connexion with that matter, because his Majesty's instructions contained powers to offer mercy to such as should take the oaths either before or after the 1st of January 1692; and because that after the execution of the unhappy people, the Secretary had written letters either to Sir Thomas Livingston, commander-in-chief, or to Colonel Hill in Inverlochie, commander of the detachment sent upon that duty, to the effect that he was glad of it; stating that a motion was made by Lords Craufurd and Polwart that the Master of Stair should be tried as being accessory thereto; and also that Lord Breadalbane had been summarily committed, upon an information of a treasonable treating with the Highlanders when rebels. Edinburgh, 25th June 1695, ... 94

77. The Same to the Same, thanking him for his kind remembrances and civilities; alluding to the King's safe return from his successful campaign (in the Netherlands), and the satisfaction of the country thereupon; and justifying himself with respect to the course pursued by him on several important questions before the late Parliament; such as the proposed removal of the aged President (Stair) of the Court of Session; the "busines of Glencoe;" and his demurring to the granting of a levy of 1000 men for Flanders, etc. Edinburgh, 7th November 1695, ... 96

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78. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to [Sir James Stewart of Goodtrees, Lord Advocate], expressing his satisfaction that the King had sent for the latter to Court; alluding to the state of parties in the kingdom at the time, and giving his Lordship some hints as to the course he thinks he should follow regarding them, etc. Pollok, 16th December 1695,..... 97

79. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Bentinck, Earl of Portland, on the appointment of the former as a Commissioner of his Majesty's Treasury. February 1696,..... 98

80. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares on the same subject. February 1696,... 99

81. William Bentinck, Earl of Portland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the appointment of the latter to be one of the Commissioners of the Treasury, was solely due to his Majesty's choice, and to the opinions he entertained of his zeal for his service, and of his honesty and moderation; and expressing his heartfelt joy at the justice his Majesty had done him. Kensington, $\frac{7}{17}$ April 1696, ... 99

82. Mr. William Carstares to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his satisfaction that the Earl of Argyle gave such attention to business, etc. London, 7th April 1696,..... 100

83. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares, acknowledging receipt of the above, with its enclosure, and his sense of the honour and respect shown to him [by the Earl of Portland], etc. Edinburgh, 14th April 1696, ... 101

84. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Bentinck, Earl of Portland, wherein, with reference to his recent appointment, he states that, even without such a mark of his Majesty's favour, he thought himself sufficiently obliged to venture all for his Majesty, who delivered him and many others from the rigour they lay under, both in regard to religious and civil concerns; and that he would endeavour, in the way his Lordship was pleased to express, to merit the good opinion his Majesty had of him. Edinburgh, 14th April 1696, ... 101

85. The Same to the Same, acknowledging his kindness in writing to Secretary Ogilvie in his favour in connexion with a matter which had caused a division in Parliament; alluding to the vacancy in the office of President of the Court of Session through the death of Lord Stair; and to a rumour that Sir William Hamilton, one of the Ordinary Lords, was to be preferred to the Presidency, indicating his opinion that such appointment would tend more to divide than to unite the counsels of the Government; and requesting his Lordship to use his good offices to procure a share of the King's bounty for Sir Thomas Stewart of Coltness, his brother-in-law, who had suffered much in the troublous period preceding the accession of his Majesty. 27th October 1696, ... 102

86. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares, informing him that he had written to Lord Portland, thanking his Lordship for what he had been pleased to write in his favour [to Secretary Ogilvie], and stating that he had ventured to indicate to his Lordship that the appointment of Sir William Hamilton to the Presidency of the Court of Session would be unpopular; and that though he had not suggested any one else to his Lordship for that office,

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yet he had no doubt that the Lord Advocate [Sir James Stewart] was the man who would be most aeceptable to all parties, and to the whole lieges. 27th Octoher 1696, ... 103

87. Mr. William Carstares to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], informing him that the Earl of Portland continued his (Sir John's) eonstant, unaltered friend, alluding to an apprehension of an invasion upon Seotland, and expressing his eonvietion that Sir John would make every exertion to keep parties as united as possible for the seeurity of the kingdom and his Majesty's serviee, ete. 1st Deeember 1696, ... 104

88. Sir James Ogilvie, Seeretary of State for Seotland, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], requesting him to write to him oecasionally, as the Duke of Queensberry, with whom he used to correspond, was then at Court; and wishing to have an aeeount from him how long the funds at the disposal of the Treasury would maintain the troops, ete., to enable them to take the neeessary measures with regard to a new subsidy; stating that Sir Godfrey M'Culloeh had been tried and found guilty of a "plaine murder," and that therefore no favour eould be desired for him. Whitehall, 2d Mareh 1697,..... 104

89. Sir Patriek Hume, Lord Polwarth, Chaneellor of Seotland, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], informing him that, in eonsequenee of Lord Raith's bad health, the meetings of Treasury and Exehequer on the Wednesday and Friday preeeding had failed for want of a quorum of members, and earnestly entreating him to eome to town on the Monday following, that the week might be devoted to publie business, in order that he (the Chaneellor) might get the month of May for relaxation in the country, if emergeneies would allow. Edinburgh, 16th April 1697,..... 105

90. Sir James Ogilvie, Seeretary of State for Seotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his regret that he was unable to serve Pardevan, whom Sir John had reeommended to be governor of Blaekness Castle; mentioning that the Duke of Queensberry and Lord Tullibardine were to have an audienee with his Majesty on the state of business at the Treasury; and reeommending Sir John not to proeeed against the witehes unless on sure grounds, sinee many of the English "doe seareely believe that there is any sueh thing as ane witeh." Whitehall, 17th April 1697,..... 105

91. The Same to the Same, mentioning that the King had departed for Holland, and that all things were going on very well; stating that the Earls of Buehan, Marr, and Loudon, and Sir Patriek Murray, had been added to the Privy Counеil, and that three new Earls had been created. Whitehall, 27th April 1697,..... 106

92. Sir James Stewart, Lord Advoeate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his regret at the threatened breaking off of a marriage whieh had been eontemplated between two of their friends, and alluding to the disposition of his estate and some matters of private business. Edinburgh, 3d September 1697,..... 107

93. Sir James Ogilvie, Seeretary of State for Seotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, entreating to be informed whether Lord Montgomerie was likely to sueeeed in his "amour" with Lady Dundonald, expressing at same time his belief that Lord Yester would be preferred, and requesting him to befriend the Earl of Eglintoun as mueh as possible, who was in diffieulties in eonsequenee of the non-payment of his pension. Whitehall, 7th September 1697, ... 108

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94. James second Duke of Queensberry, Lord Privy Seal, etc., [to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], stating that the King had not yet made known his pleasure regarding their affairs, but that he had determined the point in debate between the Treasury and the Auditors of the Public Accounts, and was very desirous that the accounts should be audited before the meeting of Parliament; and alluding to the conduct of Sir Archibald Muire and Jerviswood, the new tacksmen of the customs, etc. London, 15th January 169$\frac{7}{8}$, ... 108

95. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, stating, with reference to the filling up of a vacancy in the Court of Session, that of the two gentlemen who were named for the office,—Mr. Stewart and Elphingstoun—there was a report that the former had been induced by the latter to withdraw from the contest, and entreating his Lordship, if Mr. Stewart would not accept, to look out for a person of undoubted affection to the Government, and of sufficient probity and ability, on whom to bestow that appointment; and suggesting Sir Gilbert Elliot, as one whose nomination would give general satisfaction to the country. Pollok, 24th September 1698, ... 109

96. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstaires, in terms similar to the last letter. 24th September 1698, ... 110

97. James first Viscount of Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that the vacancy on the Bench would not be filled up for some time; that both Stuart and Elphinston were very intelligent men, and had given the Government their assistance in Parliamentary business, and that although Sir Gilbert Elliot was doubtless well qualified to fill that office, yet it would not be an easy matter to supply his present post; and that the King was not expected home till the end of November at soonest. Whitehall, 8th October 1698,..... 111

98. Archibald tenth Earl [afterwards Duke] of Argyle, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, acknowledging a letter from him concerning Mr. Carstairs; mentioning that he had written to the Chancellor contradicting a report spread by the Earl of Tullibardine, that he (Argyle) had a desire for his place; requesting that Lord Raith and Sir John would arrange to meet, and give his Lordship information frequently of what was taking place, and suggesting a new scale of subsistence-money for the guards, etc. London, 29th December 1698,..... 111

99. James Viscount of Seafield, Secretary of State, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him of some changes in the principal Government appointments; stating that if the Lord Justice-Clerk would accept the office of Treasurer-depute, he (Sir John) would be settled to his satisfaction; and mentioning that he would willingly have it in his power to do service to the African Company, but that nothing could be done till his Majesty were acquainted with their particular design and project. Whitehall, 23d January 1699, ... 113

100. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State, expressing his satisfaction at the appointment of Lord Carmichael to be Joint Secretary of State; and requesting that if it be his Majesty's pleasure to make any change in his position, his Lordship would give him timeous notice of it. 28th January 1699,..... 114

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101. Mr. William Carstares to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his regret that Sir John felt dissatisfied with what was intended for him by his Majesty; assuring him that the places of Lord Justiee-Clerk and of a Lord of Session were never before proposed for any one person, mueh less offered to any one; and that if the Justiee-Clerk had not aeeepted the offiee of Treasurer-depute, his Majesty's intention had been to offer it to him (Sir John); and stating that he had, notwithstandiug the terms of Sir John's letter, ventured to advise my Lord Seeretary that the eommissions designed for him should be expeded. London, 4th February 1699, 114

102. James Viseount Seafield, Seeretary of State for Seotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his regret to find that the latter was labouring under a mistake in regard to what was intended for him; informing him that the Lord Justice-Clerk had been advaneed to the offiee of Treasurer-depute, and that his Majesty had signed a commission in favour of Sir John to be Lord Justiee-Clerk and one of the Lords of Session; that if he (the Seeretary) were eapable of diseharging the duties of these offiees, he would prefer them to the one he himself held; and requesting him to assist with his best adviee Mr. Francis [Montgomery of Giffen, seeond sou of the Earl of Eglinton], who was to sueeeed him as a Lord of the Treasury. Whitehall, 7th February 1699,..... 116

103. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Seeretary of State for Scotland, acknowledging his Majesty's royal favour in appointing him to two such important places, and thanking his Lordship for representing him so favourably to the King; admitting that he had been under a mistake regarding what was intended for him, and stating that his new appointment was more aeeeptable to him than any thing that was ever designed for him. Edinburgh, 14th February 1699,..... 117

104. James Viseount Seafield, Secretary of State for Seotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, wishing him "joy in the two stations in whieh he was settled;" assuring him that if he were eapable of doing him better serviee, he would do it; and expressing a hope that his Lordship would eontinue to write to him from time to time, and take pains to inquire into and inform him of any iutrigues and designs against the Government. Whitehall, 21st February 1699,..... 117

105. David Home, Lord Crossrig, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, expressing his eoneurrenee in a proposed adjournment of the Court of Session from 19th May to 17th August; stating, in referenee to an approaehing trial for witeheraft, his opinion that all who prayed for the kingdom of God to eome should exert themselves "to destroy the kingdom of Satan;" that although that "profane and lukewarm generation made a moek at witeheraft, as they did at most other sins," he hoped that it was by Divine Providenee that the trial had been delayed; and recommending that their Lordships should all pray that it might please God "to elear up their way to purging the land of that abominable crime." Edinburgh, 13th May 1699, ... 118

106. James Earl of Seafield to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justiee-Clerk, informing him that he and the Earl of Hyndfoord had presented to his Majesty an address from the shire of Renfrew, expressive of affection to his Majesty's person and government, and of high resentment against the injurious proeeedings of the French King in acknowledging the

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pretended Prince of Wales as King of his Majesty's dominions; and that his Majesty had empowered him to signify to his Lordship his very gracious acceptance of it. Whitehall, 5th February 1702, ... 119

107. John first Earl of Hyndford to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, acknowledging a letter from him, and promising to let her Majesty know what he had written; informing him that the Duke of Queensberry's Commission had passed her Majesty's hands; and requesting him to assure their friends that the Duke would "stand with honest men upon the foot of the Revolution, and for the Presbyterian interest." Whitehall, 11th April 1702, 119

108. James Earl of Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, informing him that her Majesty had been pleased to appoint him to be one of the Commissioners for treating of the Union betwixt the two kingdoms; and that the first meeting of the Commissioners was to be held at Westminster on the 27th of October following, at which he hoped Sir John would take care to attend. Edinburgh, 15th September 1702, ... 120

109. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, to the Earl of Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, acknowledging the receipt of his Lordship's letter intimating his appointment to be one of the Commissioners for the Treaty of Union, and expressing his willingness to act in that capacity in obedience to her Majesty's commands. Pollok, 21st September 1702, ... 120

110. John eleventh Earl of Mar, one of the principal Secretaries of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, informing him that the Queen had been pleased to grant a new Commission for constituting a Privy Council in Scotland, in which his Lordship was named; and that it was her Majesty's pleasure that the Councillors should meet at Edinburgh, and qualify themselves as soon as possible, that the public affairs might not suffer through want of a Council. Whitehall, 21st May 1707, ... 121

111. Hugh third Earl of Loudon, one of the principal Secretaries of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, informing him that the Queen had been pleased to grant a new Commission for constituting the Court of Exchequer in Scotland, conform to the Articles of Union, and requesting his Lordship, as being one of the number, to qualify himself as soon as convenient. Whitehall, July 1707, ... 121

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113. Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, to James first Duke of Montrose, President of the Council, informing his Grace that, at a meeting of the gentlemen of best quality in the shire of Renfrew, an address to the Queen, on occasion of the late unsuccessful attempt to land in

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116. Robert third Lord Semple to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had fully expressed to the Master of Maxwell his views regarding the ward and marriage of Over Pollok; but that, as he pereeived that he eould not attain his objeet, he had referred the whole eause to the Master's own diseretion. Paisley [c. 1560],..... 126

117. Janet Lady Darnley to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, aeknowledging a letter from him, and informing him that, in aeeordanee with his desire, she had exeused him to her Lord; thanking him for an offer of assistanee, though deelining it for the present; and expressing her willingness to do what lay in her power to promote his affairs. Cruxtoune, 13th June [c. 1560], ... 127

118. Herbert Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that John Maxwell was in Edinburgh endeavouring to get a lease of the Kowglen from Lady Dernlie; but expressing his belief that, through the influenee of the Viear of Auldeummeraus and his own good offiees, her Ladyship would give it to Sir John. Edinburgh, 25th Deeember [c. 1560],..... 128

119. John (Hamilton), Arehbishop of St. Andrews, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to send down some of his servants on his own behalf, and his tenants of Pollok for themselves, to arrange with Dean Alexander Tayt, his Graee's grintar, as to the arrears of teinds due by them for 1559, 1560, and 1561. Paisley, 2d Deeember [1561], ... 128

120. Henry (Sinelair), Bishop of Ross, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, agreeing to rental him in half a merk land, on hearing from Mr. Thomas Arehibald, Chamberlain of Glasgow, under whose adviee he invariably aeted in regard to rentalling. Roslin, 14th Oetober 1562,..... 129

121. Alexander third Earl of Gleneairn to John Maxwell, younger of Pollok, mentioning that the Regent had directed letters to eharge the house of the latter to be delivered, and had ordered his Lordship to reeeive the same at the offieer's hands: Also that he had eommanded his

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Lordship to cause all the tenants of the Mernis, together with his father's tenants, to place all their armour and weapons in his house of Pollok; and that the escheat of Sir John, his father, had been offered by the Regent to his Lordship. Kilmaronock, 26th May [1568], ... 130

122. John Maxwell, Lord Herries, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that he had received a communication from the tenants of the Mernis, to the effect that they had been commanded by Lord Maxwell to pay their mails and duties to John Maxwell, in his Lordship's name, and to no other; stating that as he himself (Lord Herries) had obtained a title to these duties from the Lady Maxwell, his Lordship's mother, he would not "want ane penny" thereof, neither for his Lordship's pleasure nor his displeasure; desiring Sir John not to burden the tenants too heavily with service; and concluding with complaints of his nephew's "wilfulness," and expressing a wish that Sir John would give the young man a good advice. Terregles, 6th June [1568], ... 131

123. Alexander third Earl of Glencairn to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him that (by desire of the son of the latter) he had used his influence with the Regent in his favour; that he had caused his name to be taken out of the summons of forfeiture; that he had his summons to underly the law still in his hands unexecuted; and that he had obtained a gift of his escheat when it should fall; and complaining that Sir John had not written to inform his Lordship whether he intended to submit to or to resist the Regent's authority. Kilmaronock, 23d June 1568, ... 132

124. The Same to the Same, acknowledging the receipt of a letter in which Sir John had requested him to arrange either with himself or with the Treasurer regarding his escheat; stating that he had hitherto used his influence with the Regent in his favour, on the understanding that he would be an obedient subject to his Prince, but declining to make any further exertion on his behalf unless he received from him an assurance to that effect. Kilmaronock, 1st August 1568, ... 132

125. The Lords of Privy Council, then in Dumbarton Castle, [to Alexander third Earl of Glencairn], intimating that the Laird of Pollok had shown to them that the Master of Glencairn had taken possession of his house, and intromitted with his goods; praying that the Earl would restore to Pollok his house, goods, etc., in regard that a general order had been taken by the Queen of England with the Queen of Scotland, and a day of meeting appointed in England, all oppression of the Queen's party being to cease in the meantime; and stating that Lord Flemyng would become caution that none of the property should be disponed or removed by the Laird, nor by any of the Queen's party, until order should be taken thereanent. Dumbarton Castle, 8th September 1568, ... 133

126. Alexander third Earl of Glencairn to the Archbishop of St. Andrews, and the Lords Ross and Fleming, stating that his son, the Master of Glencairn, in what he had done to the Laird of Pollok, had been acting under his directions, the laird's escheat having been in his Lordship's hands for a long time, in consequence of the former's non-compearance to answer for having fought against the King at the battle of Langsyde; admitting that he had been obliged to the laird in times past, and declaring that he would have continued to befriend him if he had shown himself an obedient subject to the King; and intimating to their Lordships

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that, as he was proceeding against the Laird of Pollok by order of law, he intended to prosecute his claim. Kilmaronock, 9th September [1568], ... 134

127. Alexander third Earl of Glencairn to John Maxwell younger of Pollok, declining to use his influence to prevent the trial, at the instance of the Laird of Minto, of some of Sir John's tenants for being at the battle of Langsyde; denying the truth of a report that his Lordship had obtained from the Regent a discharge in that behalf; and declaring that he would "mell na mair" with the elder Pollok's affairs. Kilmaronock, 10th October [1568], ... 135

128. John (Hamilton), Archbishop of St. Andrews, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, to advance the sum of 100 merks, and to receive payment thereof from the first of the teinds due to the Archbishop by himself and his tenants of Pollok. Hamilton, 9th March 1568, ... 136

129. Alexander third Earl of Glencairn to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to pay to Hew Wallace of Memfuird and spouse, £40 Scots, which would be allowed to him (Sir John) from what was due to his Lordship of the sum promised for his escheat. Kilmaronock, 23d March 1568, ... 136

130. Sir Patrick Houston of that Ilk to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that divers of the nobility had determined to pursue and take vengeance upon the murderers of the late King [Darnley], and to obtain possession of the person of the young Prince (James VI.), in order to secure his safety; and requesting Sir John to hold himself in readiness, upon 24 hours' notice, to pass where the said nobles might direct, accompanied by his household, tenants, and servants, which would redound both to his own honour and comfort, and the prosperity of his successors. Houstone, 11th July [c. 1570], ... 137

131. George Heriot, goldsmith, Edinburgh (father of George Heriot, founder of Heriot's Hospital), to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he had sent some articles of jewellery and plate, the weight and value of which are stated, that the latter might make a selection from them, and requesting him to return such of them as he did not require. Edinburgh, 12th October [c. 1570], ... 138

132. The Same to the Same, intimating that he would receive from the bearer some articles of jewellery which he had ordered, the weight and value of which are stated; and requesting Sir John to return the "counterpais" which had been lent to him by the former. [c. 1570], ... 139

133. John Lord Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell younger of Pollok, requesting him to stop the execution of an arrestment of the goods of one of his Lordship's servants, whose escheat had been obtained by one of Sir John's tenants. Dumfries, 2d March 1573, ... 140

134. James Boyd of Hulherhille to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (in reply to a letter, in which the latter had requested him to endeavour to secure the succession of a niece of Sir John to a half merk land in Govan, which had been possessed by her brother, now deceased); informing him that a paternal uncle of his deceased nephew had obtained a rental of the said land from

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the Arehbishop of Glasgow, under reservation of Sir Johu's sister's liferent, and satisfaetion to a female elaimant, if there should be one alive; and requesting Sir John to send his mail due to the Arehbishop by the first opportunity. Glasgow, 17th January 1575, ... 141

135. Hugh third Earl of Eglinton to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (in reply to a letter in whieh the latter had requested payment of an annualrent due to him by his Lordship); stating that he had left the money iu the hands of the tenants, but that he would eause Andro Nevin to eolleet the same and pay it to Sir John as soon as the former returned from Edinburgh, whither he had gone with some money to the Regent. Polnone, 2d November 1576, ... 141

136. John Lord Maxwell to Sir Johu Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that the Lord Regent had eharged his Lordship in ward within the eastle of Blaekness; yet, upon eaution, had granted him liberty within a eireuit of two miles of the eastle: and requestiug Sir John to beeome one of his eautioners, as his Graee the Regent would have none but "inlandis men" for eautiouers. Blaekness, 1st August 1577, ... 142

137. The Same to the Same, informing him that his Lordship had been eharged by his Majesty to attend the meeting of Parliament to be held at Edinburgh on the 10th of July next, and requesting Sir John to be in readiuess, upon the next advertisemeut, to aeeompany his Lordship thither. Carlaveroek, 30th April 1578, ... 143

138. The Saue to the Same, stating that he will suspend his judgment regarding the failure of the latter to meet him in Edinburgh, by appoiutment, as it appeared he had not reeeived his Lordship's letter till the day after that fixed for the meetiug; and requesting that he would be in Edinburgh on the last day of the month, and that some one also be instrueted to appear there on the said day for his mother's part. Dumfries, 22d Mareh 1578, ... 143

139. The Same to the Same, requesting him to seud to his Lordship by the bearer £40 at the least, as he had been unexpeetedly sent for by his Majesty, and had beeu disappointed of reeeiving money from home. Stirling, 8th April 1579, ... 144

140. Lady Elizabeth Maxwell to Sir Johu Maxwell of Pollok, thanking him for the pains he had taken to promote her marriage (with the Earl of Cassillis); and requesting that Sir John would write to her mother, and urge her to keep the day appoiuted for a meeting of friends to arrange matters. Dumfries, 23d July. [Iu the text, the date of this letter is referred to "eirea" 1580. If the letter No. 172 refers to the same marriage, this letter was probably written in 1593], ... 144

141. William Cunnynghame of Caprington to his son-in-law, John Maxwell younger of Pollok (in reply to a letter in whieh the latter had requested mouey), promising to send him in a few days as mueh as he eould possibly raise at that time without wadsetting his land. Failfurd, 9th August [c. 1580], ... 145

142. John Swinton of that Ilk to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him, as one of the eautioners for Lord Maxwell, that his Lordship's servants, "new maid Riugand, Kaipillgill, aud Willie Reidpethe," were at the reif of his (Sir John Swintou's) men of Kimok futt, in

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Dowglas; and that Kinmuntis Geordie, and Willie of Kannabie, also his Lordship's servants, were at the "reif of the Hesilsyd naigis," and, besides, had "laimit and nuitellett" several of his men; and intimating his determination to pursue Sir John, as cautioner, before the King and Council, to obtain redress therefor, "howbeit it suld cost him all the geir that he haid, and his land too." [c. 1580], ... 146

143. The Same to the Same, with reference to the subject of the preceding letter, requesting that Lord Maxwell would call the culprits before him, to see whether they would plead guilty or not; and declaring his willingness to accept redress according to his skaith, if his Lordship should award it to him, and his determination otherwise to pursue Sir John, as cautioner, before the King and Council. [c. 1580], ... 147

144. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to his son John Maxwell, sending him 20 merks; and directing him to endeavour to get from Sir James Maxwell, at Lochmaben, the duplicate of an instrument under the hand of the latter narrating the delivery, made by order of Lord Maxwell's father, to Sir John, of the bailliery and captainey to the Mernis, together with the place and keys of the gates, etc. 13th March [c. 1580], ... 147

145. John Lord Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he intended, as soon as possible, to leave town for home, and that he would go by the Mernis for the purpose of doing some business that concerned both Sir John and himself. Edinburgh, 12th April 1581,..... 148

146. John Earl of Morton, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting the latter to meet him, with his friends and servants, at Biggar, on the 26th current, in order to accompany him in doing honour to the Duke of Lennox, to whom his Lordship lay under great obligations, and who had desired him to attend his Grace to Edinburgh on the 27th current, where he was to hold a chamberlain court. Dumfries, 21st August 1582, ... 149

147. The Same to the Same, requesting him to remain in Edinburgh till his Lordship's coming thither; and to excuse his Lordship to his Majesty for not attending the first meeting of the Convention, on the ground that he had not received the letter requiring him to do so till too late; and stating that he would repair to Edinburgh with all expedition. Dumfries, 11th October 1582, ... 150

148. The Same to the Same, desiring him to repair to Dalkeith to attend his Lordship for eight days, to assist him with his counsel in regard to his Lordship's business at Court; and directing him to receive from John Maxwell in Boisfield the whole mails and duties of the Mernis, and to bring them with him. Dalkeith, 19th January 1582,..... 150

149. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to his mother-in-law, wife of William Cunnynghame of Caprington, informing her that his wife was about to be confined, and requesting her to come to Pollok and be with her on that occasion; and reminding her that her refusal to come on the occasion of her first confinement had greatly aggravated his wife's sufferings at that time, and was the only occasion of her "lang consaving." Nether Pollok, 3d March 1582, ... 151

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150. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Cunnynghame of Caprington, his father-in-law, complaining grievously of the unkindly dealing of the latter in not coming to Pollok to be present at his "oye's" baptism, disallowing his statement of inability to travel so far, and characterizing his conduct as unnatural and disdainful; intimating that he considered himself a companion to any baron in the country, in respect of either blood, honours, or revenue; and concluding by reminding him that he had failed to fulfil almost every promise that he had made to him, etc. The Haggs, 13th May 1583, ... 152

151. John Earl of Morton, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him that he had arrived at Falkland, where he was to remain with his Majesty till the Convention was ended, and requesting him to show himself to be his Lordship's friend, and glad at his return, by coming to St. Johnston, honestly accompanied, that they might thence proceed homewards together. Falkland, 2d September 1583, ... 154

152. Robert Lindsay of Dunrod to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (in reply to a letter in which the latter had requested him to come to the Mernis on a certain day with his friends and tenants, "boddin with jack and spear"), complaining of Sir John's breach of friendship, and declaring that he should never have his kindness "and Morray togedder." [c. 1584], ... 154

153. John Earl of Morton, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that his Majesty had written to his Lordship to repair to Court with all possible diligence, and requesting Sir John, as his kinsman and esteemed friend, to meet him at Lyntoun, with such friends as he could procure, on Friday the first of May, with fifteen days' furnishing; and likewise to order his Lordship's whole tenants of the Mernis to come with him, provided as above. Dumfries, 22d April 1584, ... 155

154. The Same to the Same, requesting him to come to Edinburgh without delay, to give his Lordship the benefit of his advice in such matters as should be communicated to him at meeting. Canongate, 17th October 1584, ... 156

155. The Same to the Same, assuring him that his object in requesting him to come to Edinburgh was not, as he suspected, that he might become surety for his Lordship; and urging him to come to him without fail, that he might have the benefit of his advice and counsel. Canongate, 29th October 1584, ... 156

156. John fifth Earl of Athole to the Laird of Minto [Walter Stewart], complaining of the injuries done by Niniane Stewart, cousin of the latter, to Mr. Thomas Jack, vicar of Eastwood, in shutting up him and his wife in their own house, and "rewing" and taking away their daughter in a violent manner, and pursuing and hurting his son-in-law and his brother on the causeway of Glasgow; and requesting the Laird, as a favourer of justice, to cause the said Niniane and his accomplices desist from further troubling of the said Mr. Thomas Jack. [c. 1584], ... 157

157. [Robert Lindsay] of Dunrod to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating, with reference to the latter having been desired by Lady Morton to deliver up to her the keys of the Mernis, that if the date of Sir John's bailliery be not prior to the date of her Ladyship's sasine, he

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ought to deliver possession to her servants "with good will," as, in that case, the law would compel him. Maius of Kilbride, 19th Mareh [c. 1584], ... 157

158. John Maxwell, younger of Pollok, to his father-in-law, William Cuninghame of Capriugton, referring to his having been charged to deliver up the eastle of Mernis, upon six hours' warning, to his great loss, he haviug no house to whieh to transport his goods; complaining that he had now been charged by the Earl of Morton to deliver up the house of the Mernis in the middle of December, aud that his Lordship had also diseharged him of his bailliery, and had written to the tenants not to serve or aeknowledge him; mentioning that in going to attend his Majesty at Stirling, he had lost 16 horses, amounting to the value of £500; that it would take more than £1000 to finish his house; and requesting from his father-in-law a loan of 500 merks for one year. Haggs, 28th Deeember 1585, ... 158

159. [Robert fifth] Lord Ross to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting hiu to propose to Lord Maxwell, who was then living with Sir John, an exehauge of his lands of the Meirnis for eertain of Lord Ross' lands iu Lothiau and Linlithgow; whieh, he suggests, would be more eommodious to Lord Maxwell, "who haunted Edinburgh," than the lands of the Mernis. Halkhead, 4th July [c. 1586], ... 159

160. John Earl of Mortou, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, referring to the settlemeut of some business between them, and expressing a desire that the latter would be at Dumfries on the 2d of Oetober, as the justiee-eourt was to sit on the 4th of the same month. Dumfries, 26th September 1586,..... 160

161. Lady Elizabeth Douglas, Countess of Morton, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to get the virginals that belonged to his brother Patriek, and give them to the bearer of her Ladyship's letter, adding that the priee should be paid out of the duties to be uplifted in that eountry; and desiriug him likewise to deliver to the bearer the mails of the Mernis, if they were got from the tenauts. Dumfries, 20th November 1587,... 160

162. [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok] to his father-in-law, William Cunninghame of Caprington, apologizing for not visitiug him when passing by Cumuock, in his neighbourhood, on a visit to his brother-in-law, who was "deidlie seik;" mentioning that his house (The Haggs) was nearly finished, exeepting the "reparraling within" (furnishing), whieh was no little matter; and requesting a loan of 300 merks to assist iu this, as he was ashamed that his house should stand like "ane twme kirne." The Haggs, January 1587, ... 161

163. Lord John Hamilton to John Earl of Morton, Lord Maxwell, requesting the Earl to review a proeess which had been led before the Laird of Pollok, his Lordship's baillie, agaiust a poor man named Johu Hamilton, who was "kindly" to a piece of his land in the Mernis, and who alleged that he had sustained manifest wrong. Hamilton, 14th Mareh 1588,..... 162

164. Robert fourth Lord Semple to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he intended to be in Stirling on Wednesday evening, in obedienee to a renewed proelamation; and suggesting that Sir John and he should meet in Glasgow at 8 o'eloek on the morning of that day, and ride forward to Stirling in the evening. Castle Semple, 20th April 1589, ... 163

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165. The Same to the Same, stating that he had received a letter from the Chancellor, directing him not to proceed to the raid at Stirling; and suggesting that Sir John should also absent himself till new advertisement, anent which his Lordship would be his warrant. Castle Semple, 21st April [1589], ... 164

166. The Same to the Same, acknowledging the receipt of his letter requesting him to convene the Lairds of Blair, Caldwell, and others, his friends, for settling the business among them, but stating his inability to do so at that time, in consequence of a lawsuit in which he was engaged with Lord Hamilton. Castle Semple, 30th June 1589, ... 164

167. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Oliphant, Advocate, enclosing a summons to the former to appear as defender in an action in which Lord Semple was pursuer, and requesting Mr. Oliphant to appear on behalf of Sir John, and to endeavour to delay proceedings as much as possible till his arrival in town. The Haggs, 9th June 1589, ... 165

168. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to a Magistrate (address wanting), complaining that the latter had incarcerated some of his men in the "towbuitht," forcibly spoiling them of their goods and geir, although they had not troubled the town, and that an honest widow woman had had her face broken be the men of the Brigend; telling the Magistrate that he is unworthy of his office: "The dewill maid sowteris schipsmen, quha cowld nather steir nor row;" and threatening to have reparation for the injury done to his men. The Haggs, 21st September 1589,... 165

169. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to his wife, Margaret Cuninghame, requesting her to return home without delay, as it was necessary that she should "ryid to Paslay to my Lord and my Lady" [probably Lord and Lady Paisley are here referred to]. The Haggs, 18th February 1589,... 166

170. John Earl of Mortone, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he had been required by his Majesty to attend the approaching Parliament, accompanied by his kin, friends, etc.; and requesting Sir John, as one of them, to accompany his Lordship during the time Parliament was sitting. Dumfries, 9th October 1591, ... 166

171. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok [without address], stating that the bearer, George Abernethy, his servant, was "calumniously delated of the slaughter of a man at the Brigend of Glasgow:" and requesting his Lordship (to whom the letter is addressed) to befriend him as far as his honour and conscience would permit, and to speak to the Advocate in his favour. Haggs, 29th January 1592, ... 167

172. John Earl of Mortoune, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, thanking him for the friendly interest he had shown in the welfare of his Lordship's family, and particularly for the pains he had taken in promoting the marriage of his Lordship's daughter Elizabeth. Dumfries, 6th June 1593, ... 168

173. Elizabeth Maxwell, Guidwife of Potterhill, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to send to her the submission made by Sir John and the Laird of Calderwood between her son John and her; and expressing her belief that Sir John would not allow her son to take any undue advantage of her. Thornlie, 18th June 1593, ... 168

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174. Agnes Campbell, Lady Caprintoun, to her brother-in-law, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him, in accordance with his request, that the Laird, her husband, was come home, but that having to go shortly to Cumnock, he was desirous to see Sir John at Caprintoun on Sunday first, or Monday at furthest. Caprintoun, 10th November 1593, ... 169

175. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to pay a visit to his Lordship on the Monday following, that they might meet and confer together on matters connected with an alliance between their houses, etc. Sorne, 11th November 1593, ... 170

176. William Maxwell, Lord Herries, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to attend the funeral of his chief, the Earl of Mortoun, who had unfortunately been slaughtered, and was to be interred on the 30th instant. Dumfries, 11th December 1593, ... 170

177. Letter by Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (without address), requesting his "eme" to use his influence with the Lord Chancellor to move his Majesty to grant to Sir John a gift of the escheat of the late Lord Maxwell, who had died at the horn; and stating that, if he obtained it, he would employ his Lordship's whole goods and geir to the utility and profit of his four daughters. Haggs, 18th January 1593, ... 171

In a postscript, Sir John complains that Lord Sympill had given up kindness with him, and would assist the Lairds of Caldwall, Owerpollok, Skelmorlie, and others, in a "eawsles platt" against him.

178. Dame Agnes Campbell, wife of Sir William Cuninghame of Caprintoun, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him that the Laird, her husband, was willing to meet him at Mauchline, or any other convenient place, on that or the following day, for the purpose of arranging some matters of business between them. Caprintoun, 1593, ... 172

179. Elizabeth Douglas, Countess-Dowager of Mortoun, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, apprising him that she intended to spend the greater part of the following summer at the Castle of Mernis, and requesting him to deliver up the keys thereof to the bearers, with a view to its being repaired for her Ladyship's reception. Edinburgh, 12th March 1593, ... 173

180. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Elizabeth Maxwell, daughter of the late Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, wherein he suggests that, if her mother, Lady Maxwell, would be favourable to his obtaining a gift of her late husband's escheat, he would accommodate her and her sisters with 20,000 merks, upon such conditions as would not interfere with her Ladyship's profit; and requesting her to use her influence with her mother for that effect, etc. Haggs, 13th March 1593, ... 174

181. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Elizabeth Countess-Dowager of Mortoun, urging her Ladyship to find some means to relieve him of the payment of the large sums contained in a decreet obtained against him, as cautioner for her late husband, at the Laird of Carmichael's instance; stating that he had caused all the duties of the lands of the Mernis to be "feneed" for his relief, and requesting her Ladyship to direct her precept to the tenants to pay the same to him; suggesting that whatever her Ladyship did to free him might be accounted as done to her own bairns; stating that he would, upon certain conditions, reveal a secret to

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her Ladyship, which would accommodate her with 20,000 merks; excusing himself for not visiting the Countess, as he could not travel in safety while Carmichael held letters to "raise fire and siege his house, and entering of his person in ward in Blakness." Haggs, 13th March 1593, 175

182. Dame Elizabeth Douglas, Countess-Dowager of Mortoune, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, thanking him for his diligence regarding the proposed marriage between the Earl of Cassillis and her daughter; and stating that she had communicated the matter to Lord Herries, and some other friends, who were very much pleased therewith, etc. Dumfries, 23d July 1594,... 176

183. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing astonishment that Lady Maxwell should have used Sir John so unkindly, especially with regard to his old kindly possession in the Mernis; stating his inability to comply with Sir John's request that he should go to Glasgow to meet with her Ladyship, as the young Laird of Glenurquhay and some other friends were then on a visit to him, and were to stay for some time: and reminding Sir John that he had not fulfilled his part of the contract made between them on the marriage of his son with his Lordship's daughter, etc. Sorne, 18th August 1594, ... 177

184. Robert Maxwell of Cowhill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he had spoken to the Master of Maxwell in favour of the latter, who was to appoint a meeting with him in Edinburgh to arrange their business; mentioning that Lady Maxwell had granted to the Master a tack of the bailliery of the Mernis; and stating that the debatable land was divided, and the marches fixed between England and Scotland, in which division "Lytill Thoms the Grame" house had fallen to England, and Sandy Armstrang's to Scotland; and that the two Wardens were to meet at Lowmabanestane on Thryday, to make redress on both sides since the peace. [c. 1595], ... 178

185. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to meet with the Earls of Argyle and Mar in Stirling, on the 19th of June instant, to assist his Lordship with his advice as to whether he should hear the slaughter of the late William Crawfurd, brother to the Laird of Kerse, as a quarrel against the Earl of Montrose and his house, or agree to the matter being amicably arranged by the advice of friends. Newmills, 8th June 1595, ... 179

In a postscript, his Lordship adds that he has got sure intelligence that the Earl of Montrose had appointed a convention of his friends to be held in Stirling on the same day as that fixed for his Lordship's meeting, with the view of preventing them from meeting there; and requests Sir John to come to Stirling armed, and accompanied by his servants, etc.

186. Sir William Cuninghame of Caprintoun to his brother-in-law, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating his inability to comply with his request to search his charter-chest for evidents concerning Carnewodrig, as the Earl of Cassillis had arrived at Caprintoun, and was to remain there for some time; and declining to subscribe an obligation that Sir John would desist from the Castle and Mains of the Merns, until the latter subscribed a back-warrant for his relief. Caprintoun, 23d June 1595, ... 180

187. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Mr. John Scharpe, Advocate in Edinburgh, stating the grounds upon which the Laird of Pollok, his son-in-law, advanced a claim to the property of the house and lands of Haggs; and requesting Mr. Scharpe to do his utmost to enable the Laird to

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retain possession of the said house and lands, and to prevent the Lady Orchill from obtaining delivery of the same until the right was decided. Newmills, 11th November 1596,..... 181

188. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to William Maxwell in Cowglen, expressing his auxiety on account of the Laird of Pollok's siguature of the lands of the Haggs not having passed the seals; enelosing a letter to the Prior of Blantyre, in whieh he urges the latter to subscribe the signature; and requesting him to endeavour to prevent the witnesses from compearing in the action between the Lady Orchill and the Laird of Pollok, and to call ou Mr. Johu Scharpe in Edinburgh, leave the new feu-charter with him, and bring home the precept, in order to take sasine thereupon. Newmills, 21st November 1596, ... 183

189. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Mr. John Seharp, Advoeate, Ediuburgh, assuring him that his "gudesoue," the young Laird of Pollok, was not served heir to his father: that his grandmother was heretrix in her own right of the whole living of Pollok, and, as she died within the last two or three years, her son was never infeft in the lands; so that the present Laird must enter as heir to his graudmother; that the whole lands, except the house of the Haggs and a portion of the lands thereof, of which his Lordship, on his son-in-law's behalf, had obtained a feu, were then under ward, and would coutinue to be so for six or seven years: and expressing a desire that the young Laird should be enabled to retain possession of the house of the Haggs, as the Lady Orehill's sasine thereof was of no value, her author, the late Laird, having had no heritable right, etc. 23d November 1596, ... 184

190. William Maxwell of Cowglen to John Sehroggie, servitor to John Scharpe, Advoeate, requesting him to remind his master to eompear for the Laird of Pollok, who had been summoned, at the Laird of Ardgowan's instance, before the Lords of Session, to hear aud see an instrument of sasine of the lauds of Nether Cowglen transumed from the protocol of Constantine Stewart, notary; aud enelosiug a copy of the summons for Mr. Seharpe. Cowglen, 22d February 1596,..... 186

191. Patriek Maxwell to his brother, William Maxwell of Cowglen, stating that the infeftments made by the Laird of Dargavell of the lands of Cowglen to the Laird of Pollok, were not so old as the sasine given by Mathew Earl of Lennox to the Laird of Ardgowan of a 40s. land of Nether Cowglen, which latter was given in 1510, and was eontaiued in an old protocol-book unsubscribed by the notary, and otherwise defective: that Mr. John Scharp was opposing the transumpt of that instrument from the said protocol-book, and was desirous to see the first infeftment of the Cowglen giveu to the Laird of Pollok, aud the sasiue of the Haggs, held of the King; that Lady Orchill had not gotten a deereet of the possession of the house of Haggs, as she expected, on Saturday; and that little was as yet done as to the gift of the escheat. Edinburgh, 11th June 1597, ... 187

192. Hugh first Lord Loudoun to William Maxwell of Cowglen, stating that he had written to the Lord Treasurer desiring his Lordship to use his influence in favour of the Laird of Pollok in the matter at issue between him and the Lady Orehill; reeommeuding an inspeetion of the process anent the house of Haggs, in order to aseertain the result of that action; stating that he had written to Lord Herries not to dispone the ward of Pollok to Lord Maxwell or Lord

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Hamiltoun, or any of their friends, and had desired his Lordship to appoint a meeting, at the Kirk of Kilbryde or some other convenient place, etc. Newmills, 29th January 1597,..... 188

And, in a postscript, requesting him to send the contract subscribed by the Lairds of Caldirwod and Nework to him, and promising that he would send the "other side," subscribed by Caprintoun and Cesnok.

193. William Maxwell, Lord Herries, to William Maxwell of Cowglen, requesting to be informed at what time his Lordship might expect to receive a sum of money due to him by the latter. Terregles, 2d November 1599,..... 190

194. Andrew Bell to Katharine Hamilton, spouse to Captain Bruce in Airth, requesting her to deliver to the bearer a sum of money for the use of his wife, and promising to repay it on his return from "Danskine." Linlithgow, 4th June 1607,..... 191

195. Alexander Cuninghame of Corshill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, enclosing a letter to Lord Ochiltrie, which he requests Sir John to read, subscribe, and send to his Lordship, who was then in Edinburgh. Finlayston, 27th March 1613, ... 191

196. The Same to the Same, referring to the trouble they had incurred for Lord Ochiltrie, and complaining that he had not got so much, by way of relief therefor, as Sir John; stating how it had so happened, and asking Sir John to make up the difference. Corshill, 12th December 1615, 192

197. Edward Maxwell of Hills, and others of the name of Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, setting forth that they had had a meeting and consultation with his chief, the Master of Maxwell, regarding his debt; expressing their own inability to assist him, and urging Sir John to advance the money (£41,000) on security of the Master's estates, as in that case, in the event of the latter "falling by decease," he, Sir John, would succeed him as chief of the house of Maxwell; and stating that if Sir John should decline, they would apply to the Earl of Abercorne, any of whose posterity they would then receive as their chief, on condition of their bearing the name and arms of Maxwell. Dumfries, 29th April 1616, ... 193

198. John Nicoll to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that strict order was being taken with the papists, and that the Earl of Huntlie was committed to ward in the Castle of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, 17th June 1616,..... 195

199. Robert Lord Maxwell (afterwards Earl of Nithsdale) to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had been at Leith and had "got an indifferent gude end to his effairis;" requesting Sir John to settle with Newark on any terms; and desiring him to meet with his Lordship's brother James at Edinburgh on the next Council day. Leith, 13th October 1618,..... 195

200. The Same to the Same, alluding to an expected visit from the Marquis of Buckingham; mentioning that he had prevailed upon my Lord of Glasgow to deal with the dowager Lady Maxwell anent his business in the Mernis; and requesting that Sir John would immediately confer particularly with my Lord of Glasgow upon these matters. Edinburgh, 31st July 1619, 196

201. The Same to the Same, expressing his great obligation to the latter; requesting him to furnish

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him with some money as soon as he possibly could, and to proceed according to his own judgment in anything that concerned his Lordship. Newmarket, 10th December 1619,..... 197

202. Mr. Thomas Hope (afterwards Lord Advocate) to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he had written to Sir Robert Steuart, requesting that information might be sent to the "dukis Grace" regarding Sir John's holding ane feu of the "kyndlie rowmes;" thanking the latter for what he had done in his favour with the Earl of Nithsdale, and requesting that he would use his influence with his Lordship still further in his behalf, assuring him that if his business succeeded, he would not be ungrateful. Edinburgh, 27th April 1621, ... 198

203. Sir James Maxwell of Calderwood to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that his son-in-law, James Lindsay, who had acted as his factor, having taken a farm for himself, was desirous to have his salary increased, on the ground that he might sustain greater loss now through his absence from home; and requesting Sir John to inform the said James that he could not agree to that proposal. Myltoune, 3d September 1622,..... 198

204. Mr. William Maxuell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, enclosing a copy of the articles of agreement between "the King of France and the Roschell;" mentioning that the King had promised to pay the Earl of Mortoun's debt (£40,000); that Sir William Alexander had returned from Nova Scotia, having left there a colony of 70 men and 2 women; and that siuce his return, the English were petitioning his Majesty for a patent to plant and possess the lands there, to be held of the Crown of England. Edinburgh, 23d November 1628,..... 199

205. Mr. John Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that news from Court of the prospect of an addition to the royal family had caused great rejoicing in Edinburgh; that in consequence of her Majesty's condition, the King was not expected to come to Scotland at that time; that there was a report that his Majesty was borrowing from the Low Countries £1,500,000, for which the Isle of Wight was to be "engaged," and the traffic of England, which was causing great commotions among the English; that a caption and horning had been obtained by the Ministry against Lady Abercorne, etc. Edinburgh, 24th March 1629, 200

206. John Maxwell of Barfill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that the block of lands of the head of Annirdeill had been sold, and the price divided among Sir Thomas Hope, Lady Johnston, and others; that Lord Nithsdale's affairs were in a bad state, and that Captain Edward Maxwell was imprisoned for £400, which he had borrowed for his Lordship; and concluding by stating, that the most of his own household had the small-pox; that his son Patrick, a promising boy, was dead, and his eldest daughter at the point of death; that he thought he would soon die of grief himself, and in that event wished Sir John to take charge of his son John. Barfill, 3d August 1629,..... 201

207. Mr. William Maxwell, advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the Marquis of Huntlie had promised to his Majesty, and found caution to satisfy the discipline of the Church, and not to conduct himself scandalously, nor receive nor keep company with seminary priests and jesuits; and that his Majesty had written to the Archbishop of St. Andrews to delay the execution of Kirk-discipline against him in the meantime, etc. Edinburgh, 20th September 1629, 203

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208. (Patrick) Maxwell, a brother of Mr. William Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, enclosing a printed copy of four decrees lately signed by his Majesty, and a list of the crimes falling "under the compass of the Circuit Courts," and mentioning that his brother, Mr. William, was over the water with Lord Maxwell, his master. Edinburgh, 9th October 1629, 205

209. John Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that Lord Nithsdale was reported to be in great credit with his Majesty, and that his Lordship was expected in Scotland at Martinmas for the purpose of settling his affairs, and especially for selling the Mernis, for which it was said Lord Yester was negotiating with him; that the Earl of Caithness and his son, Lord Berriedale, as excommunicated papists, were charged to compear before the Council, under pain of treason; that Lord Gordon and Lord Nithsdale were charged to deliver up their sons to be educated at St. Andrews or Cambridge; that all the bishops were ordained to retire to their dioceses, and there abide with their families; and that "my Lordis" brother John had married the Commissary's daughter, etc. Edinburgh, 11th November 1629, ... 206

210. John Maxwell of Barfill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that he had seen his brother at Newark, and ascertained that he had no power to confirm any right to continue longer than his own life; that his "oy" could do so, if the consent of his curators in Angus could be obtained; but that the contract was not yet brought out of Angus, which was retarding the business. Newark, 30th December 1629,..... 207

211. Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that he was going beyond seas to try his fortune, thanking him for the many proofs of his friendship which he had experienced, and expressing a hope that he (Sir John) would continue to favour him with his best advice in his affairs, as occasion offered. London, 7th January 1630, ... 208

212. Mr. Hugh Blair to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, asking him to send to him his presentation [to the church of Eastwood]; that the Bishop would not admit him to his trials until he saw it; that if it were not issued before seed time, he would lose both the glebe and the stipend for the current year; and requesting that Sir John would write to the Bishop not to delay taking him on trials. Glasgow, 26th February 1630,..... 209

213. John Boyle of Kelburne to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, acknowledging the receipt of letters from him, together with a blank presentation from Lord Abercorne to his kirk of Eistwood; expressing his willingness to perform all things relative to the filling up thereof, etc., as Sir John had directed; and stating that he had spoken to the Bishop regarding the matter, but that nothing further could be done until Mr. John Maxwell sent in his demission, etc. Glasgow, 7th March 1630, ... 210

214. George third Earl of Wintoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, apologising for not keeping an appointment with him; assuring him that neither his Lordship nor any other friend could possibly serve him effectually at that juncture, and advising him to wait with patience for a more favourable opportunity, when his Lordship's uttermost credit would be exerted with his chief in his favour. Seatoun, 26th March 1630, ... 210

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215. John Boyle of Kelburne to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had, by great exertion, so far sueeeeded in the latter's business at Court that he had prevailed on the Earl of Nithsdale to eonsent to the passing of his signature of those lands whieh he held of his Lordship; that he hoped to get his signature for the grant of a knight-baronetey, but that no assistanee need be expeeted from the Marquis of Hamilton; that the plague was threatening London, and that the King was to retire to Greenwieh, and had issued a proelamation that none save his domesties and eourtiers should follow him upon pain of death; that the Earl of Pembroke was dead, ete. London, 17th April 1630,..... 211

216. George Stirling of Keir to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, requesting him to attend the funeral of the Laird of Keir, his grandfather, who was to be interred at Dunblane on the 11th of June. Cadder, 24th May 1630,..... 213

217. Dame Isobell Boyd, sometime wife of John Blair of that Ilk, to her son-in-law, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that she had written to the Laird of Braeko, appointing the 14th of Oetober for the eompleting of his son's marriage in the house of Pollok; requesting Sir John to make sueh provision for it as he deemed expedient, at her expense; and promising that she and the laird, her husband, would be at Pollok fifteen days before that fixed for the eeremony. Loehgir, 3d September 1630, ... 213

218. Sir William Cuninghame of Caprintown to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating, with referenee to Alexander Dunlop's "bairns' geir," that he did not think there was either horning or inhibition against Sir John, as he himself was also a eautioner, and had never reeeived either eharge or inhibition. Caprintoun, 2d November 1630, ... 214

219. James seeond Earl of Abereorn to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, thanking him for his kind offer relating to the barony of the Mearns, but stating that, in eonsequenee of his present heavy burdens, and the slow sale of his teinds, he was unable to avail himself of it; and expressing a hope that, if Sir John himself advaneed the money upon it, he would take eare to see his Lordship relieved of the obligations he had undertaken on behalf of Lord Nithsdale. Theobalds, 12th September 1631,..... 215

220. John Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, that the latter would have "employment for his brave horse in Parliament," as his Majesty was eonfidently expeeted in the spring; that Lord Ochiltrie was "panelled," and that exeeption was taken by his Lordship to his indietment, whieh was founded upon an old Aet of Parliament, and that he had defended himself in Court with great applause: that his Lordship adhered to all his depositions, whieh were founded on relations of Lord Reay, and approved by the latter, in writing; and that Lord Seaforth had been a speeial informer of Lord Reay in the matter. 2d Deeember 1631, ... 215

221. James Leightoun, Arehbishop of Glasgow, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, desiring him to request the Master of Abereorne, then at Pollok, to eonsent to the admission of Mr. John Law as assistant to his father in the parish of Neilstoune. Glasgow, 30th Deeember 1631,... 217

222. Sir Alexander Hamilton, Knight, fifth son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that my Lord [Abereorn] was married, and had one of the finest

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boys in England; that his Lordship had sent home a selectiou of fruit-trees as a present to Sir John; that news had arrived at Court of a battle fought near Leipsic, in which the Swedes had been victorious, but with the loss of their King, who, when leading his troops in person, was wounded in the arm by a musket-shot from the enemy, and afterwards shot dead with a pistol by one of their horsemen, who recognised his Majesty as he was being removed from the field by the Duke of Saxe; that the King of Bohemia had died of the plague, etc. London [30th November] 1632,..... 217

223. Robert first Earl of Nithsdale to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], stating that the King intended to be in Edinburgh on the 15th of June to receive his crown, and thereafter to hold a parliament, and requesting that Sir John would be in Edinburgh on the 14th of the month, to attend his Lordship during the time of his Majesty's stay, which, it was supposed, would uot exceed a mouth at most. Carlaverock, 22d April 1633,..... 219

224. Isobell Boyd, sometime wife of John Blair of that Ilk, to her son-in-law, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, desiring to know if Sir John was to be in Edinburgh at his Majesty's entry, and if the Earl and Countess of Abercorne were to be in Scotland at that time, etc. Lochgirsheid, 30th April 1633, ... 220

225. John Dunlop to Sir Johu Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the bearer had, with great skill, cured the wife of William Maxwell, one of Sir Johu's servants, for which payment had been refused; and requesting that Sir John would hear the bearer's statement, with a view to his obtaining a fair remuneration. Glasgow, 24th May 1633, ... 220

226. Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow, aud the Lords Carnegy and Traquair, to Sir Johu Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the Duke of Lennox, who was to be in Scotland with his Majesty, had desired their Lordships to write to his friends to be in Edinburgh ou the 13th of June, to attend his Grace; and requesting Sir John, as oue of his Grace's special friends, to meet with the others there on that day. Edinburgh, 29th May 1633, ... 221

227. Patrick Flemyng of Barochane to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, intimating that he had been chosen Commissioner to the ensuing Parliament, aud therefore requesting the loan of Sir Johu's foot-mantle, which he promises to restore "in as good case as he got it." Barochane, 31st May 1633, ... 222

228. John Boyle of Kelburne to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (in reply to a letter in which the latter had requested him to wait on the Earl of Stirling and arrange matters relative to his Knight Baronetcy), assuring Sir John that the patent which he had procured for him was sufficient, that he would be answerable for it under hazard of his estate, and that the priority thereof would be settled by his Majesty at the Parliament: that the business had cost him above £1000 Scots out of his own purse, besides Sir John's allowance; and that he was so busy with his "harbric" that it was impossible for him to wait upon the Earl. Kelburne, 9th June 1633, ... 223

229. Duncan Burnet to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the Laird of Caprintoune, along with Robertland, had riddeu to Berwick by desire of the Duke of Lennox; that his Majesty

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was to be at Setoune on that [Thursday] night, at Dalkeith on Friday, and in Edinburgh on Saturday; that the city was crowded with strangers, and the expense of accommodation extravagant; and that the Earl of Monteith, who was supposed to have been commanded to leave the town, was confined to his house with a broken arm. Edinburgh, 13th June 1633,... 223

230. William Cochrane of Coldoune [afterwards created Earl of Dundonald] to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that Lord Nithsdale was daily expected from the south; that the King had spent a night at Setoun (on his progress to Edinburgh); that he was attended by about 1500 horse, chiefly Scots, who had met him at Berwick; that the Duke of Lennox's friends were not to join his Majesty's train, because they were not so numerous as those of the Earls of Mortoun, Angus, and others; and that Sir John, therefore, need not "come east;" that the Earl of Airth was "discharged the town," and the Earl of Stirling in discredit. Edinburgh, 14th June 1633, ... 224

231. Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that there was a hot contest between the Constable, Marischal, and the town of Edinburgh for the custody of the King's person; that the Polish Ambassador, with two German Dukes, had arrived at Leith to congratulate his Majesty upon his coronation; that the Commission anent the laws was not much regarded, and was likely to be deserted; and that a slaughter had unhappily fallen out between the "guidman" of Killoche and one Mathew Campbell, and that the latter was killed and the former in the Tolbooth. Edinburgh, 14th June 1633,..... 225

232. William Cochrane of Coldoune [afterwards created Earl of Dundonald] to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, giving a very interesting account of the pageants on the occasion of his Majesty's entry into Edinburgh; mentioning that the Earl of Augus had been created a Marquis, and the Chancellor [Viscount Dupplin] an Earl [Kinnoul], and that twelve or fourteen more were to be created Earls and Viscounts; that on the following day his Majesty was to proceed from the Castle on horseback, attended by the nobility, to the Abbey Church to be crowned; and that the Earl of Airthe had been dismissed from Court. Edinburgh, 17th June 1633,... 226

233. Robert Lindsay to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that his Lady arrived in Edinburgh in time to see his Majesty as he went up to the Castle; that two Princes of Holland and the Polish Ambassador were come to town; that his Majesty was to proceed that day from the Castle to the Abbey, where he was to hear sermon, and afterwards receive the crown, and that on the Sunday following he was to be "banquetted" by the town of Edinburgh, on which day there was to be but one preaching; giving also an account of the capture, by a Spanish pirate off the coast of Ireland, of a vessel conveying the Deputy of Ireland's furniture and plate, and of a fight between "a Dunkirker and a Hollander." Edinburgh, 18th June 1633, ... 228

234. The Form of his Majesty's "incumeing and ryding at the Coronatioun" [the original holograph of Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate], giving a detailed account of the various processions, demonstrations, etc., in Edinburgh, from the time of his Majesty's arrival till after his coronation; mentioning that the Polish Ambassador had requested his Majesty not to assist the King of Sweden against him in his attempt to reconquer his own land from Sweden; that the Earl of Airth's matter was to be determined in Parliament, and that in the meantime he was dismissed the King's presence; that the Puritans were presenting petitions to have all the

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ceremonies removed, and were holding private meetings; that it was thought Mr. James Hanna, Minister of Canongate, would, through the Bishop of London's influence, be preferred to the bishopric of the Isles, etc. Edinburgh, 19th June 1633,..... 229

235. Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that a dispute as to precedence between the burghs of Glasgow, Stirling, Linlithgow, and St. Andrews, had, by his Majesty's desire, been decided by "the dice," and had resulted in favour of Glasgow; that an overture for changing the terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas to Midsummer and Candlemas had been opposed; that the Lords of the Articles were nominated; that the Earl of Erroll, Constable of Scotland, was endeavouring to have his gift confirmed in Parliament "of five shillings out of everie hous that reikis in Scotland, or ellis ane kene foull;" and that the Earl of Galloway and the Archdean of St. Andrews had been cited to appear and depone what they knew in the Earl of Airth's matter. Edinburgh, 21st June 1633, 232

236. John Maxwell, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that his Majesty being much pleased with his reception, had announced his intention to visit Scotland every third or fourth year; that the Parliament had, unsolicited, offered a taxation of £600,000 for six years; ratification of the King's revocation, submission, and commission; ratification of the Articles of Perth, adding that his Majesty might, of his prerogative, enjoin habits for the Churchmen according to his pleasure; that the physicians had craved to have a college erected, which, after long discussion, was lost by one article; that the Churchmen were in favour with his Majesty, and that it was expected that, through the Bishop of London's influence, every minister would obtain at least eight chalders of victual, and that all hospital lands were to be appropriated to their true use; that no Earls were made as yet, except the Chancellor (Kinnoul) and Marquis of Dowglas, for which he resigned his old liberties; that at the Coronation the Earl of Buchan carried the sword of state, Rothes the sceptre, Douglas the crown, and Eglintoun the spurs; and that remission had been offered for criminals, except for treason, if sought within a year. Edinburgh, 24th June 1633, ... 233

237. Mr. John Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, giving an account of the measures that had engaged the Parliament, which had just risen, having enacted,—1. That his Majesty out of his prerogative enjoin habits for the clergy. 2. That the whole privileges formerly granted to the Church, by whatsoever Statutes or Acts of Parliament, be ratified. 3. That every minister have eight chalders of stipend, at the least. 4. That schools be planted and parishioners assessed, and that hospital lands, which had been diverted from their proper use, be restored thereto. 5. That his Majesty's revocation be made and ratified of all Acts done by himself or his predecessors in prejudice of the Crown and the laws of the kingdom. 6. That the Commission regarding teinds, submission and decreet following thereon, be ratified and approved; and granted a taxation of £600,000 for six years, of £5 per cent. on annualrents for the like period, of two-tenths on interest of borrowed money for three years; and a taxation in favour of the Lords of Session of 10 shillings out of every pound land for four terms: and mentioning that his Majesty had made dissolution in Parliament of the Abbacies of Newabbey and Holyroodhouse, in order to apply their revenues as he thought proper. Edinburgh, 28th June 1633, ... 235

238. Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, referring to the proceedings

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of Parliament; stating that a Committee had been appointed to consider Lord Spynie's claim, as General Muster Master, to the duty of sixteen shillings from every one between 16 and 60; that no mention had been made of the Earl of Errol's claim as Constable, to "a hen from every house that reeks, or 5 shillings for the same;" mentioning a report that the Earl of Haddington was to be appointed Chancellor, and the Earl of Lauderdale President of the Council; stating that Parliament had risen the previous day, and that the King was to resume his progress on Monday. Edinburgh, 29th June 1633, ... 240

239. Dame Grissell Blair to her husband, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning her arrival in Edinburgh, and stating that the King went first to the Castle, and next morning rode to the Abbey, accompanied by the nobility in their robes, and expressing a wish that Sir John had been with her to have seen the processions, etc. [June 1633], ... 242

240. Lady Elizabeth Douglas, relict of John Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, and mother of Robert first Earl of Nithsdale, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that she intended to be with Sir John about Lammas; mentioning that the King was to spend one day at Dalkeith and two at Seton on his way to the south; and that, when his Majesty was crossing the water at Kinghorn, a storm had arisen, in consequence of which a number of persons who had ventured out in a small boat were drowned: that her son, Lord (Nithsdale), was to accompany his Majesty to Berwick, then to proceed home to Nithsdale, and thence to Ireland; and that her son James was to proceed to France with Colonel Hepburne. Edinburgh, 11th July 1633, ... 242

241. Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that a signature had passed the Privy Seal in favour of the Lord Lyon, of a particular sum to be paid by every gentleman at his instalment in any dignity, and by every nobleman at his advancement to a higher title, and the like sums to be paid at their or their ladies' funerals: that the Earl of Airth had got his choice either to abide his trial by law, or "come in his Majesty's mercy:" that Lord Nithsdale was to proceed to Ireland within a month to prosecute his Irish suit, and that Lord Herries and the Master of Maxwell had gone to France with Colonel Hepburne: that an alliance, offensive and defensive, had been concluded between the Estates and France; that the matter of teinds had been concluded by the Parliament more favourably for the titulars than before: that the Earl of Mortone, the Lord Chancellor, and the Lord Traquair, had all been upon their knees for the taxation, but had been refused. Edinburgh, 13th July 1633, ... 243

242. Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the many proofs he had obtained of the latter's friendship had induced him to employ him in an important business between himself and Sir Thomas (Boyd), and transmitting to Sir John the necessary writs, with a full power to act in that matter. 18th July 1633, ... 245

243. Mr William Maxwell, Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, mentioning that the Chancellor had refused to allow the Marquis of Hamilton's Commission, as Collector of the Taxation, to pass the Great Seal; whereupon the Marquis had taken instruments, which the Earl of Haddington had sent by express to his Majesty; that the Chancellor had sent

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another express after him immediately, and had refused to pass Mr. John Home's Commission: that the Earl of Airth had submitted himself to his Majesty's pleasure, and, it was understood, would not be deprived of his honours: that the Kings of Denmark and Holland were said to be bound to procure peace to the Emperor: that seven rich ships were arrived in Holland from the West Islands; and that the Prince of Orange had arrested most of the ships upon some unknown expedition. Edinburgh, 22d July 1633,..... 246

244. Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he and all his company were in Leith waiting for a ship and a fair wind. Leith, 22d July 1633, ... 247

245. Mr. John Maxwell of Barfill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, referring to a difference between his brother and himself regarding the sale of his lands; and to the marriage of his son, of whose undutiful behaviour to him he complains. Kilmakhome, 9th August 1633,..... 248

246. Claud Hamilton (second son of James first Earl of Abercorn), Lord Strabane, in Ireland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, enclosing letters to be despatched to the Earl of Traquair, to be by him delivered to the Chancellor. Blakstoune, 23d November 1633,..... 249

247. James second Earl of Abercorne to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], stating that he had desired the Duke to subscribe the latter's tack, which his Grace declined to do, because there was no rent specified in it, but only the duties used and wont, which he did not understand; assuring him, however, that he would obtain the tack, etc. London, 30th November 1633, ... 249

248. Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorne, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, referring to the latter having obtained a gift of the office of keeper of Dumbarton Castle; expressing his grateful sense of Sir John's care of his business; stating that his employment in France was "uncertain and chargeable," and that he might possibly come home next winter, as by that time he would be "a soldier expert enough to keep the castle of Dumbarton;" referring, in conclusion, to some matters of business. Nancy, 2d February 1634, ... 250

249. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to John first Earl of Traquair, stating that he expected his Majesty's Master of Works, or some one by his directions, would come and examine the castle of Dumbarton, as its present condition was such that "na honest man can duell thairin;" that he had been obliged to provide powder and shot at his own expense, as occasion from time to time offered, although "his Majesty's outward customs of Clyde" had formerly been applied to that purpose; requesting the Earl, who was then Treasurer-depute, to cause the Master of Works visit the castle and repair it during the summer, and to inform the Duke that his Grace's honour and credit were concerned to have the outward customs of the Clyde brought back to it for the use foresaid; and inclosing a copy of the inventory received by the Lord Justice-Clerk at his entry as Keeper of the Castle, and a copy of the inventory he himself received at his entry, that the former might be pursued for reparation of what was deficient. Dumbarton Castle, 9th April 1634, ... 252

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251. Mr. William Maxwell, Advoeate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, thanking him for the kindness he had shown to his brother; expressing his pleasure at hearing that Sir John's lady was reeovering from an illness; mentioning as news that the King's Commissioners having gone to Bourdeaux to impose a greater tax upon the wines, the eitizens were so ineensed against them that they east them into the sea; that Lord Balcomy's brother had obtained a gift of the Abbaey of Lindores; that his Majesty had deelared the Archbishop of St. Andrews to have preeedenee of the Chaneellor or any other subjeet in Scotland in all time eoming; that it was reported that a warrant had eome for Lord Balmerino's liberation; and that the King of Franee had defeated the Emperor in a great battle, killed 20,000 of his men, and taken four ehief towns. Edinburgh, 18th June 1635,..... 254

252. Sir Alexander Hamilton, youngest son of James first Earl of Abereorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that his long stay in Ireland was oeeasioned by the illness first of his brother Sir George, and then of Lord Strabane; that he intended yet to remain two or three weeks with Sir George, who was to "take up house," and then return home. Strabane, 15th July 1635, ... 256

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257. Sir William Cochrane of Coldoune, afterwards Earl of Dundonald, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had waited several times on Lord Traquair for the purpose of seeing Sir John's process, but had not had an opportunity of seeing him, and that he would do every thing in his power to further Sir John's action: that the Council had forbidden the striking of any more turnours, but had taken no course for keeping in of dollars: that there was great fear of the plague breaking out; that many of the courtiers were come home, and among them the Earl of Lauderdaill, who had got £2000 of Murray's composition; and that Home had received his honours a week before in the Counell-house. He adds in a postscript, that there was a very bad crop throughout the whole country for want of rain, and that the same was reported to be the case in England. Edinburgh, 29th June 1636, ... 260

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259. Sir William Cochrane of Coldoune to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had consulted Sir Lewis Stewart relative to Sir John's security from the Earl of Nithsdale; that Lord Traquair had returned home from his justice court, having hanged thirty "prettie men;" that John Maxwell of Cowhill had been in great peril, but had escaped without an assize, etc. Edinburgh, 2d March 1637, ... 262

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264. James third Marquis of Hamilton to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that the sitting of the General Assembly required his Lordship to be at Glasgow on the 17th of the month, and requesting Sir John to meet him on that day at the "Toweorse burne," at one o'eloek in the afternoon. Holyroodhouse, 10th November 1638, ... 267

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332. John Maxwell of Pollok to George Hutcheson, his cousin, expressing great regret at his bad conduct, and the condition to which it had reduced him; enclosing £10, as a joint contribution from himself and his own (George's) mother, earnestly desiring that he would lay to heart the severe chastisement he was receiving, and repent of his evil courses; and suggesting that he need not return home, as his reputation there was quite broken, but that he should endeavour to obtain some employment where he was, though ever so humble. Pollok, 16th December 1678, ... 330

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340. John Maxwell of Pollok to William Cunningham, younger of Craigends, in answer to the preceding, stating that private business of very great concernment would prevent him, unless his presence should be judged absolutely necessary, from performing the duty he owed to his Grace the Duke of Hamilton. Pollok, 17th November 1679, ... 339

341. John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. James Maxwell of Drumbeg, thanking him for the care he had taken of his business, but complaining of the non-payment by Sir William Stewart of the sum of £100, with interest thereon for four years, and urging him to use every means in his power to obtain immediate payment from Sir William. 19th October 1680, ... 339

342. James fourth Earl of Perth, Chancellor of Scotland, to his brother, John Earl of Melfort, Secretary of State, recommending the latter to advise his Majesty to modify the fine imposed on Sir John Maxwell of Pollok [but the terms of which pleased Sir John so ill, that he gave it to Blair-Drummond to be returned to the writer]. Edinburgh, 15th March 1687,..... 341

343. William fifteenth Earl of Crawfurd, President of the Privy Council, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, informing him that owing to the absence of many of the Council, the King's business was suffering, and earnestly entreating that Sir John would arrange to make some stay in town and attend the Council. Edinburgh, 29th August 1689, ... 341

344. The Same to the Same, requesting him to come to town against the Monday or Tuesday following, as the King's service urgently required his presence. Edinburgh, 11th October 1689, 342

345. Frances Stewart, Countess-Dowager of Lenox and Richmond, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing her cordial acquiescence in a proposal made by him for the arrangement of a matter of business between them, naming Lords Linlithgow and Tarbet to meet with any two whom Sir John might choose on his side, and assuring him that he was mistaken in supposing that there was any estrangement on the part of her Grace. Whitehall, 19th April [1694],... 342

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346. Sir James Stewart, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that his friend Mr. Maxwell should have all the kindness that he (Sir James) could show him, either for a remission, or a tolerance to live quietly upon caution; that he thought it was from an evil spirit and design that the Quakers were endeavouring to set up at Glasgow, but that though he knew some of their leaders to be worse than heretics, he thought it was much better for him to warn the magistrates to keep the peace and prevent riots, than that the Privy Council, upon the Quakers' complaint, should have commanded them to do it; but since this had given offence, he would leave the Quakers in future to follow their own method, etc. Edinburgh, 6th September 1695, ... 343

347. Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, giving an account of a boat belonging to Ireland being wrecked and broken to pieces on Elsay [Ailsa] Craig, and that the crew, consisting of five men, escaped, and remained on the rock for several days, subsisting on a quantity of meal which they had managed to save from the wreck; that one of his (Sir Archibald's) boats passing one calm evening had heard their cries and brought them off the rock; and that they had declared that they were so assaulted by incredible numbers of creatures like rats or land mice, that they were obliged to go from place to place on the rock, scattering quantities of the meal behind them, the eating of which diverted the creatures, and prevented their further attacks. Ardgowan, 16th October [16]95, ... 344

348. Robert Pollok of that Ilk to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], mentioning that Lord Drummond, who was a prisoner in Stirling, had, through a dexterous pretence, escaped from his guard; and that, although pursuit was instantly given, and the whole town had been searched for him, he had not been discovered. Stirling, 9th March 1696,..... 345

349. Sir James Stenart, Lord Advocate, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], lamenting the behaviour of his daughter, who, in consequence of her strong aversion to a suitor of her own rank, and whose proposals were seconded by her friends, had formed a clandestine engagement with a person of inferior station; stating that under these afflicting circumstances he had not thought fit to make any answer to the Laird of Blackhall's proposal, for which, however, he had all honour; that he had sent Sir John's letters to the Secretaries and the Chancellor, and that they soon agreed to declare the tack void; and concluding with expressing his hearty sorrow for his [Sir James's] sister's affliction. Edinburgh, 2d November 1697, ... 346

350. Hugh Maxwell of Dalswinton to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he was likely to fall daily into greater trouble with the Earl of Nithsdale's tenants of Duncow, and giving a circumstantial account of the offensive and violent procedure of the latter when he attempted to lead the peats which his people had cast in the moss, which the Lords of Session had declared to belong to him; but which the tenants maintained to belong to the Earl; stating that a scuffle had ensued between the parties, upon which the Earl's tenants had protested for a riot, and were raising letters of lawburrows against him (Dalswinton), and that he had no doubt they would denounce him and crave his escheat, which he entreated Sir John would assist him to prevent. Dalswinton, 20th June 1698, ... 347

351. Alexander Porterfield of that Ilk to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, stating that he had been induced by Lady Glencairne to write to him regarding her Ladyship's youngest son, Patrick, who had been sent up to London with the view of being bred a seaman, but having fallen into

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the hands of the French, had been stripped of everything he had, which neeessitated him to apply to his friends for some little assistance, and hence her Ladyship had desired him to write to him (Sir John), and to the Laird of Calderwood, and some other, as being among her best friends. Duchald, 25th June 1698, ... 349

352. William third Earl of Kilmarnock to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justiee-Clerk, requesting him to attend the funeral of his Lordship's uncle, Mr. James Boyd, from the chureh of Paisley to his burial place at the Old Church at Linzie, on Thursday, the 14th instant. Paisley, 8th May 1702,..... 350

353. James first Duke of Montrose to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], apologising for having been prevented by pressing business from waiting on his Lordship at Pollok before leaving Seotland for London (to attend the first British Parliament). Glasgow, 29th September 1707, 351

354. The Reverend Robert Woodrow, minister of Eastwood, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, informing his Lordship that the magistrates and ministers of Glasgow had had several conferences about giving him a call to one of the churches in that city; indicating his unwillingness to leave Eastwood, and suggesting that his Lordship should write to some of the magistrates, and endeavour to crush the matter in embryo, as they would have little chance with Glasgow if it came before the Church Courts. Glasgow, 20th November 1707,..... 351

355. The Reverend Robert Wodrow, minister of Eastwood, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing his sense of Sir John's kindness to him and to the parish of Eastwood, in preventing his being translated to Glasgow; stating that he was extremely well satisfied with the Provost's promise to desist, and hoped that his Lordship's letter would strengthen his (the Provost's) hands; suggesting a fear that a (national) "fast in the English style would go very ill down in this country," and that it might be made more agreeable to the people if redueed to "somquhat of our old job-trot," and be intimated upon an application from the Commission or the Presbytery of Edinburgh; and admitting that the country had "many sad grounds of fasting." Eastwood, 27th November 1707, ... 353

356. Sir James Steuart of Goodtrees, Lord Advoeate, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, expressing his satisfaction at hearing that his Lordship had found his cloak-bag, which had been lost through the carelessness of his servants; stating his opinion that the treaty (regarding the marriage of John Maxwell, cousin of Sir John, and Lady Anne Carmichael) might be arranged if he (Sir John) pleased to insist, as the conditions were to be referred to the Earl of Glasgow and himself (Sir James), etc. Edinburgh, 14th August 1708, ... 354

357. James Stuart, younger of Blackhall, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, expressing his satisfaction with the articles drawn up for the marriage between his Lordship's cousin and the Earl of Hyndfoord's daughter, whieh his Lordship had submitted to him; and returning thanks to his Lordship for reeommending his own affairs to Walter [Stewart]. Ardgouan, 14th March 1709, ... 355

358. John first Duke of Atholl to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, expressing his sense of his Lordship's kindness in promoting the suit of his brother-in-law, the Master of Rosse [with a

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danghter of Sir John Shaw of Greenock;] and stating his conviction that the lady that married him would be happy in a good-hnmoured, sober gentleman (*vide* No. 360). London, 17th March 1711, ... 356

359. Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, New England, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, Rector of the University of Glasgow, thanking him for the honour the senatns of that University had done him in conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity; stating that his Lordship's merits were better known in America than his varions titles of hononr, which wonld farnish his apology for omitting some of them throngh ignorance; and apologising for any impropriety his Lordship might discover in an address he had made to him of some "Testimonies for Christianity." Boston, New England, 25th March 1711, ... 357

360. Dame Helenor Nicolsone, wife of Sir John Shaw of Greenock, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], thanking him for interesting himself so kindly in her affairs; and stating that she would be ready against the time mentioned by his Lordship to treat with Lord Ross and his friends regarding the proposed marriage of her danghter with the Master of Ross. Edinburgh, 10th April 1711, ... 358

361. Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, to Dr. Cotton Mather of Boston, New England, thanking him for his letter of the 25th of March, and the fonr "very good Christian pieces" that accompanied it; expressing surprise at the high character for learning, piety, and worth which he had been pleased to give him, and attribnting it to his being descended from parents who were snch bright patterns of piety and wisdom; stating that the Senatns of the University were very sensible of the respectful retnrn he had made to them for the academical honour they had conferred on him; that thongh his father and grandfather had been Rectors of the College, he did not think the honour had been more deservedly given to any than to the Doctor himself, who had been so useful in the ministry, and by his published writings; expressing his happiness at making the Doctor's acqnaintance, as, by our ships [in the American trade] coming directly to and from Clyde, he would have more freqnent opportunities of hearing of the progress of all means of Christian edncation in America; and concluding with recommending to his acqnaintance Mr. Robert Wodrow, minister of Eastwood, "a yonng man of thirty-"three years, very diligent in his ministry, of good literatnre for his standing, and very enrious "to know how it goes with other reformed churches." 3d September 1711, ... 359

362. Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, New England, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, expressing the grateful sense he entertained of his Lordship's kindness in corresponding with him, and stating that it would be his ambition to cultivate his friendship, both on acconnt of the high esteem he had for his Lordship, and the opportnnities it wonld afford for rendering "comprehensive "services to the kingdom of the Savionr;" enclosing some copies of a book of "Pastoral "Desires" for the acceptance of his Lordship and the Universities, and also a work entitled "The Whole Duty of Man," which he hopes will be fonnd to treat of the snbject mnch better than the English book under that title; stating that he reckoned himself nnder very strong obligations to do what he conld to serve the best interests of the dear Church of Scotland; that the churches in the new English colonies were multiplying; that the difference between Presbyterian and Congregational was hardly known in their chnrches; and that in Boston, with a popnlation of about 10,000, not nearly 500 professed to belong to the Chnrch of England; giving an acconnt of the state of their college there, and mentioning that they were

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then alarmed with an advice that the French of Canada had "poisoned" all the Indians from Canada down to Carolina, and stating, that in the event of such a calamity, the British colonies would suffer greatly. Boston, 12th September 1712, ... 361

363. Sir James Stewart, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, informing him that he was sick unto death, and sending his solemn blessing to his Lordship's person and family; recommending to his kindness his sister "Lilly" and his dear wife and children, and especially to keep them in peace and love. Edinburgh, 23d April 1713, ... 364

364. Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, stating that some months previously he had sent to his Lordship a small American production with his name in the dedication of it, and expressing a hope that it had safely reached his Lordship; mentioning that they had a growing prospect of peace with their "salvages," and that the portions of Boston destroyed by the fire were mostly rebuilt, and with greater splendour than before,—in which he thought he perceived a little emblem of what would befal the Church of Scotland, and of the splendour in which it would reappear after her enemies had done their worst to her; congratulating that Church upon the excellent men which it contained, and praying that such burning and shining lights might be continued and multiplied to her, and, in particular, that his Lordship might be long spared to be a blessing to the whole Church and to the University. Boston, 24th April 1713, ... 365

365. John Stirling, Principal of the College of Glasgow, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], informing him that a factious party in the society of the College, formed when he (the Principal) was at Edinburgh, had refused to continue his Lordship Rector of the College, and had presumed to meet without either Principal or Dean, and act as a Faculty, in having chosen Mr. William Muir to be Rector in his stead, who, he hoped, was a wiser man than to "accept of "a disorderly and illegal election, which he (the Principal) could never homologate;" concluding by expressing the pain such a proceeding had given him, and stating that he had written to the Duke of Montrose (the Chancellor of the College), who, he hoped, would resent the indignity. Glasgow College, 1st March 1717, ... 366

366. James first Duke of Montrose, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], expressing his concern on account of what had happened lately in the College, and the just resentment he felt on account of the unworthy treatment which his Lordship had received; stating that as the step had been taken absolutely without his Grace's knowledge, he considered it as an indignity offered to himself; and that if the gentlemen concerned would be prudent enough to follow the advice his Grace had given, there would be an end of the divisions soon, but if not, he would adopt such methods as would effectually prevent such intolerable breaches for the future. London, 12th March 171$\frac{6}{7}$, ... 368

367. Thomas sixth Earl of Haddington to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok] expressing his great surprise at hearing of the division that was in the College of Glasgow; his regret that his son was so active in voting for a new Rector; and his hope that his Lordship would believe that he got no manner of encouragement from him to do so, and that he would attribute his conduct to his childishness, and to the bad advice of the other boys. London, 12th March 171$\frac{6}{7}$, 368

368. John Stirling, Principal of the College of Glasgow, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], mentioning that on his return to Glasgow, he found a letter from the Duke of Montrose,

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Chaneellor of the College, to his Lordship, whieh he would have forwarded to him, but that he had been expeeted home during the week; and stating that his Graee, in a letter to himself (the Prineipal) had expressed his resentment at the extraordinary proeeedings of the soeiety of the College, who had, in an uneonstitutional manner, eleeted Mr. William Muir Reetor instead of his Lordship, and had indieated his intention of eompelling them to undo what they had done. Glasgow College, 22d Mareh 1717, ... 369

369. Brigadier Thomas Maxwell, at Barbadoes, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, expressing the pleasure it would give him to promote the views of a yonng man, Mr. James Maxwell, whom Sir John had reeommended to his favonr; stating that James was then living with a merehant in that town, and attending diligently to business; and mentioning that Mr. Alexander Dundas (a grandson of Lord Arniston), whom Sir John had also reeommended to his friendship, was as mueh respeeted as any merehant that had traded to that island, that he was then absent on a voyage to Holland, ete. Barbadoes, 29th April 1718, ... 370

370. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Brigadier Thomas Maxwell in Barbadoes, thanking him for his kindness to the yonng man (Mr. James Maxwell) whom he had reeommended to him, and expressing a hope that he might be long spared to inherit the good report he had of those who knew him best, and withal to be useful to all his friends and honest people of the name of Maxwell that eame his way; stating that he had shown his letter both to Mr. Dundas and his worthy father, Lord Arnistoune, who had desired to be kindly remembered to him and his family; reeommending to him a brother of his, Mr. Charles Dundas, a disereet and sober youth, who was to sail from Leith to Barbadoes, and would probably be the bearer of his letter; and offering to traee for him the genealogy of his (the Brigadier's) family, if his health permitted, mentioning that his father or his grandfather, who died Bishop-eleet of Bath and Wells, was deseended of the Maxwells of Teiling in Angus, now extinet, and that his (the Bishop's) wife was a sister of the late Dr. Burnet, Arehbishop of St. Andrews. Pollok, 26th Augnst 1718, ... 371

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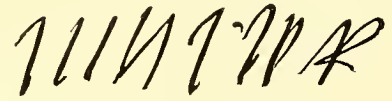
Mi muy amado señor. No sabré qué decir
a vuestra merced de la pena que he tenido
después que supe de su partida hasta
saber nuevas de su salud, que
fueron tantas cuantas no se
pueden encarecer. Plega a
Dios que sea tan buena
como yo deseo y
que

ROYAL LETTERS.

MARY QUEEN DOWAGER, Regent of Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 7th February 1559.

1. Traist freind, efter hertlie commendatioun. It is nocht vnknawin to you the gret trubls that presentle occurris in this realme, be occasioun of certane rebellaris aganis thair Soueranis auctorite: And seing that now is the tyme quhen as the dewitie of euery ane of thair trew subiectis mon be tryit, we haue requirit our cousing the Erle of Eglintoun to haue his kynnismen and freindis in reddynes to do ws seruice, as we haue neccessitie thairof: Praying yow effectiuslie that ye will assist and concur with our said cousing as he hes ado, owther in your awin cuntre at haime, for furthsetting of our auctorite, or to accumpany him in thir pairtes as occasioin requiris; as ye will do ws verray acceptabill seruice in that behalf. And god keip you. At Edinburcht the vii day of Februar 1559.

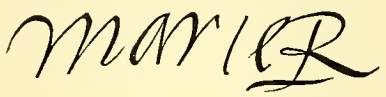


To our traist freind the Lard of Nethir Pollok.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 5th May 1568.

2. Traist freind, we greit yow weill. We dowt not bot ye knaw that God of his gudenes hes put ws at libertie, quhome we thank maist hartlie: Quharefore desyris yow, with all possible diligence, faill not to be heir at ws in

Hammyltoun with all your folkis, freindis and serwandis bodin in feir of weir; as ye will do ws aeceptable seruiee and plessouris: Beeaws we knaw your eonstanee, we neid not at this present to mak langar lettre; bot will byd yow fair weill. Off Hammyltoun the v of Maij 1568.



To our Traist freind the Lard of Nethir Pollok.

LETTER, JAMES EARL OF MURRAY, Regent of Seotland, eoneerning the Eseheit of the Laird of Nether Pollok, 27th August 1568.

3. Traist freind, eftir our hartlie commendatiounis. Forsamekill as we gaif and disponet to Alexander Erll of Glenearne the eseheit of the Lard of Nethirpollok, and all and sindry his tenentis and vtheris, in vse of payment to him of ony dewitie; and amangis the rest, as he sayis, thir puyr men, viz: Johne Seheillis, in Seheillis, Williame Scheillis thair, Andro Wallaee in Govane-Haggis, Dauid Philpishill thair, Johne Seheillis in Titwod, Andro Seheillis thair, and Robert Craig thair, ar eomprehendit vnder his eseheit, be ressoun the said Lard of Nethirpollok is rentallar to the bisehop of Glasgow of the pover menis landis; and swa nane aueht to haue ado with the pover men bot onelie he. And, as we ar informit, ye on the vthir part allegeand, be ressoun thai ar within the bishoprik of Glasgow, ye intend inlikewyis to troubill the pover men, and to intromet with thair geir: Quhairfoir the mater being exponit to ws, we of our dewitie mon tak sum tryall therin, noeht onelie in respeet of yow bayth partiis being our Soueranis trew subieetis, swa that nane of yow sal haif eaus to be diseontentit with vtheris, bot als in respeet of the povertie of the men quhilk is eheritabill to releif thame, thai noeht being the foundaris of the troublis for the quhilk thai ar this wayis troublit. My Lord of Glencarne, for his pairt, is eontent to remit all thingis he may haif of thame be ony maner of titill, yit quhatsumeuir dewitie ye aueht iustlie to haif we wil be laith to hindir yow. Quhairfoir, it is owr will, and we requeist yow, that, quhill our returning frome Ingland, that our lasour may bettir serue to put ordour in this mater, ye desist and eeis of ony maner of proceeding aganis the pover men, at

quhilk tyme all thingis salbe [ordourit] to your contentment: Nocht doubting of yow heirin, and the rather at this our requeist, as ye will thairby do ws thankfull plesour. Swa committis yow to the protectioun of God. At Edinburgh the xxvii day of August 1568. Your gude freynd.

Licence by the Regent Murray to John Maxwell of Pollok, to remain at home from hosts, &c., 9th September 1568.

Rex.

4. We, with avyis and consent of oure darrest cousing James Erle of Murray, Lord Abirnethie, &c., Regent to ws, oure realme and lieges, for diuers ressonable caussis and considderationis moving ws, be the tennoure heirof, grantis and gevis licence to Jhone Maxwell of Pollok to remane and byde at hame fra all and sindrie oure hoistis, raidis, weyris, wappinschawingis, gadderingis and assembleis of our lieges quhatsumeuir, maid or to be maid be ws or our Lieutennent in our name within our realme, or owtwith the samin, be see or land, exemand and dischargeand him thairfra during all the dayes of his lyvetyme. And will and grantis that the said Jhone Maxwell for his remaining and byding at hame, as said is, sall incur na danger nor skaith in his persoun, landis nor gudis, nor salbe callit nor accusit thairfoir criminalie nor ciuilie in ony tymes cuming, nochtwithstanding ony our actis, statutis, lettres, proclamationis, or charges quhatsumeuir, maid or to be maid in the contrair, or ony panis contenit thairintill. Annentis the quhilkis we dispens be thir presentis, dischargeand thairfoir all and sindrie our lieutennentis, iustices, lordis of our counsall and sessioun, shireffis, stewartis, baillies and thair deputtis, and all vtheris juges, ministeris of our lawis and officiaris within our realme, present and to cum, of all accusing, arreisting, calling, following, vnlawing, poynding, troubling, or proceiding aganis the said Jhone, his landis, gudis or geir for the premissis; and of thair offices in that pairte, for euir, be thir our lettres: Provyding that he send his eldest sone with his folkis and seruandis to serue ws

in the saidis hoistis, raidis, and weyris, sufficientlie furneist as effeiris. Subscriuit be oure said darrest Regent, and gevin vnder oure signett, at Edinburgh the nynt day of September the yeir of God i^{m} v^{c} lxviii yeiris, and of oure regnne the seeund yeir.

JAMES REGENT.

KING JAMES VI. to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 13th August 1590.

5. Richt traist freind, we greit yow hertlie wele. The quene, oure wyffe, now haifing a desyre, at sumtymes, to visite the cuntrie, and haifing sum ma cumpanye of ladyes and gentlewemen nor of befoir, we ean not bot see thame eonvenientlie provydit of halknayis, quhilkis ean not weill be had, otherwyis then be the gudewill of sick personis as we vnderstand to [be] best affectionate vnto ws baith. In quhilk nowmer speeialie esteming youre selff, we haif thairfoir taken occasioun to put yow to this eharge, and will effecteuslie desyre yow, that ye will present oure wyffe with ane gude and propre halknay, and send him with ane of your awin to Dunfermling vpoun the xxij day of August instant, quhair we sall haue hir maister of stable attending reddy to ressaue him, as in this, amangis sindrie vtheris pruiffis of your thankfulnes, we may haif occasioun to aeknawlege the eontinewance of your gude will and reddines to plesour ws. Sa we eommit yow in the proteetioun of God. At Falkland the xiii day of August 1590.

To our ryeht traist freind the Laird of Pollok.

The SAME to the SAME, 1st June 1593.

6. Richt traist freind, we grit yow hairtlie weill. Haueing deliberat that oure Parliament sall proeeid, God willing, at the first day of Junij nixt to eum, and

writtin to oure esteatis preceislie to keip the said day, we will thairfoir desyir yow, affectuuslie, that ye faill not to be present at the same day, to giff your guid auise and assistance in sic materis as ar to be treated in oure said Parliament, as ye will declair your guid affectioun to oure seruice, and weill of your natiue cuntrie, and will do ws acceptabill plessour. Thus we committ yow to almichtie God. At Haliruidhous the first day of Junij 1593.

JAMES R.

To our richt traist frend the Lard of Nethir Pollok.

The SAME to the SAME, 18th December 1593.

7. Richt traist freind, we great you hartlie weill. It hes pleasit God (to oure greit contentment, and we ar assurit na les to the commowne lyking of all oure weill afficted subiectis), to bliss ws with appeirance of successioun, oure derrest bedfellow the Quene being with chyild, and neir hir tyme of delyuerie, (Quhilk, and wther wechtie effaris, geving occasioun of a mair necesser deliberatioun and aduyse of oure nobilitie and estaitis nor at any tyme heirafoir), we haue maid speciall chose of yow, amangis wtheris, quhome we will desyr maist earnistlie, all excuses sett aparte, not to faill to addrese your selff toward ws heir at Halyrudhous, the xi day of Januar nixtocum, at quhat tyme ye sall be acquentit with the particulars motioning your cuming, quhilk we assuredlie luik for, as ye will kyth your affectioun in that erand, furnissing matir of commoun reioysing, we dout nocht, to yow and all oure gude subiectis, and to the avancement of sic wther purposes of greit wecht and importance as ar to be treated and resolued in that conventioun. Swa we committ you to Godis blisset protectioun. From Halyrudhouse the xviii day of December 1593. JAMES R.

To oure right traist freind the Lard of Nether Pollok.

The SAME to the SAME, 8th August 1594.

8. Richt traist freind, we greit yow weill. The incertantie of the arryvall of the remanent forrein ambassdouris, and sum vther speciall occasiouns, hes constranit

ws to prorogat the tyme of our darrest sones baptisme to Sonday the xviii day of August instant; quhairof we haif thocht necessar to aduerteis yow, and thairwithall effectouuslie to desire yow, that yc will nocht faill to be with ws vpone the fyftene day of the said moneth at the fardest, and that ye will haist in sic quik stuff as ye haif in reddines and may spair to the support of the charges, to Halyruidhous betuix and the tuelf day of the said moneth, and vennesone and wyld foull, as it may be hall callour about the day of the solempnetie, as ye will giff ws a pruiff of your affectioun and guidwill. And alwayse late ws haif your ansuer that we be nocht disapointit. And sa committis yow to God. At Striuiling the viii day of August 1594.

James R.

Sen the Ambassadouris to be defrayed are alreddy cum, the day of the baptisme approcheing sa neir, and the expensis sa grit, we louke that yc will haist to Edinburgh or Striuiling, that quhilk ye are myndit to present, or failzeing, at leist, be sum ansuer in write, lett it be knawin that nathing is to be lippinit for. We haue commandit sum speciall thing to be [hade incontinent], quhilk in particuler we recommend vnto yow.

To our richt traist freind the Lard of Neddir Pollok.

Protection by King James vi. to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, as cautioner for the Lord Maxwell, 12th April 1594.

Rex.

9. Forsameikill as oure present effairis and estait of oure commoun weill hes compellit ws to imploy diueris oure lieges and subiectis in oure present seruice, and awaiting vpoun ws and oure persoun, for oure preseruatioun, and having considcratioun that diuers oure lieges, presentlie imployit be ws to the effect foirsaid, is vnabill to await vpon ws, and oure seruice, in respect of decretis, horningis, lettres of poinding, arreistment and captioun standing vpoun thame, quhairvnto thay ar subiect, and quhilkis may be vsit agains thame, to thair hurt and preiudice during the tyme of oure seruice and imployment: And speciallie having considcratioun that Sir Johnne Maxvell of nether-pook, knicht,

is distressit as cautioner for vmquhile Johnne Lord Maxvell, and that thair is diuerss decreitis pronuncit and standing againis him, quhilkis may be put to executioun during the tyme of his being in our cumpany and seruice; yet we vpoun oure auctoritie royall, and for certaine motives and consideratiounis moving ws, be thir presentis, dischairgis all executioun to be vsit be virtew of quhatsumeuir lettres of horning, poinding, arreistment, captioun or vtherwyse quhilkis may in ony sort be vsit againis the said Sir Johnne, dischairging heirfore all our sheriffis, provestis and baillcis and our officiaris of armes quhatsumeuir, of all vsing or exercing of thair office, be virtew of the saidis lettres during the tyme of his dependance, and awaiting vpoune our seruice; certifeing the saidis personis, gif thay, or ony of thame, contravene this, our ordinance, thay sal be repute and haldin as our rebellis and disobedient subiectis, and culpabill of the crymes committit be sik personnis as we ar to prosecute be assistance of the said Sir Johnne and vtheris oure lieges. Subscriuit be our hand at Edinburgh the xii day of Aprile 1594.

James R.
Lenox.
J. T. Cancellarius.

Christian iv. King of Denmark, to King James vi. of Scotland, 7th March 1598.

10. CHRISTIANVS Quartus, DEI Gratia, Daniæ, Norvagiæ, Vandalorum, Gotturumque Rex, Dux Slesuici, Holsatiæ, Stormariæ, Dithmarsiæ, Comes in Oldenburg et Delmenhorst. Serenissimo Principi, Domino JACOBO Sexto, Scotorum Regi, Consanguineo, Affini, fratri et Compatri nostro charissimo, Salutem et continuum felicitatis incrementum. Serenissime Princeps, consanguinee, affinis, frater et compater charissime: Conquestus est nobis ciuitatis nostræ Bergensis in regno nostro Norvagiæ ciuis fidelis, nobis dilectus, Abrahamus Dauidis, sibi, cum ante triennium fere ad littora regni serenitatis vestrae iniuria tempestatum naufragium passus esset, bona omnia quæ naui ista uehebantur a locorum istorum incolis, serenitatis vestrae subditis, erepta fuisse. Etsi autem aduersus eiusmodi raptores iniquos de restitutione ablatarum rerum, apud Thalassiarcham sereni-

tatis vestrae, iure postulauerit ac sententiam contra illos qua in restitutionem quinque millium thalerorum condemnati sunt obtinuerit, nullo tamen executionis remedio pecuniam istam recuperare se hactenus potuisse. Cum igitur, tam juri naturali et gentium, quo prohibetur adflicto addere calamitatem, quam ciuili scripto et consuetudinario repugnet, ut eorum qui naufragium patiuntur bona aliorum iniuriis sint exposita, ac juris ordo requirat ut sententia debito modo executioni mandetur (alias enim esset frustratoria) a serenitate vestra peramanter et fraterne petimus, vt huic subdito nostro qui a nobis hasce intercessorias nostras haud difficultir impetrauit, aut ipsius mandatario auxiliatriees manus porrigere, ac pro regia sua autoritate iuris ac justiciæ remedia idonea præstare dignetur, vt adiudicatum rerum ablatarum precium integre et sine mora consequatur, hancque intercessionem nostram apud serenitatem vestram pondus habuisse non exiguum intelligat. Faciet serenitas vestra hoc ipso nobis rem gratissimam dabimusque uicissim operam, ut pari beneuolentia, re ita exigente officium istud compensetur. Serenitatem vestram quam diutissime ualere ex animo optamus. Datæ e Regia nostra Haterslebia 7 Martij Anno domini 1598.

Christianus

Serenissimo Principi Domino JACOBO Sexto Scotorum Regi, Consanguineo, Affini, Fratri et Compatri nostro Charissimo.

King James vi. to Mr. James Sempill of Beltreis, at the Court of England, [December 1599.]*

11. Goode M. James, I have receaved fyue letteris from you, tuo from Nikolson, and three that came by D. Herreis to youre brother-in-law. But as yett, I haue not receaved partieulaire ansoures to all the pointis of youre last instructions: Thairfore forgett not in youre next, to sende me the particulaire ansouris to euerie one of thaime. Nairne is cummid heare, uith ane earnist message from

* Letters from Mr. James Sempill to King James vi., while on his Mission to the English Court, will be found among the State Letters, *infra*.

Sis Wthes fourt pruat
fre to Beltreis Decemb.
1599.

Since the writting of my last letter heir with inclosid M. David Broche me
youre last but since, as weill be my awin as be the Secretaries letters
I have sufficientlie informid you of all I haue to saye at this
tyme I will onlie now remember you to haisten youre answeris
to all my last directions, & in-aice ye resseaue the annu-
itie that nocht withstanding of my precept for deliuerie of
it to the thesaurairris man ye bring it hame in your awin hande
for sicc causis as ye sall knaw at meiting, I ame informid M. colvill
is yett in London & meanis off with the Secretarie, for yett not
~~to~~ to use all the meyanes ye can for winning sum of the ladies of the
queenis prince chalmer & speciallie that ladie ye wrote of v.
first letters, for thay maye in der tyme do better Service then men
are awaire of, fairweill.

James R.

yone tuo gentlemen, anent thaire greate desyre to see me. I thinke thay haue maide a badde choice of so foolish a messinger. Alluaies, for my pairt, I uill nather persuaide, nor dissuaide, thaime of thaire intention, if thay be uyse and honest, it is upon goode respeetis thay are moued thairunto. If otheruayes, thay uill be made to paye the interest of thaire owin follies. I thanke Godd I maye defye all Englande to cousin me, for propone quhat any list thay shall haue no ansoure, but that quhiche maye be oppenlie auowid, and thaire shall neuer one of thaime be upon ane others counsaill; but for youre pairt, lett thaime doe as thay list, and keepe you free from any medling, but onlie to keepe thaire counsaill. I ame sorie that ye uas so nyce uith the Lorde Murley, for he is my olde freinde; thairfore be not spairing nou, in thir tymes of ielousie, to meete priuatlie uith any that uill craue it, and to aquainte you uith als manie as ye can, but euer keepe you on suche groundis as maye be openlie auoued, if need be. Yone tale that Sir Robert Carre shoulde haue saide to Ashefeilde, anent Essex, it is, upon my honour, most untreu, quhiche I needit not to denye, if it had beene trew, for I auou to doe my best to uinne all the honest mennis hairtis in Englande to my seruice, next the Quene, quhom I euer excepte in her tyme. I also uonder muche that the Quene shoulde not haue been ashamed to tell so foolishe a tale anent James Ogis knichting, for he uas knichtid many monethis before his killing of the Englishemen, in token quhairof he both dyned the same daye of his knichting uith olde Bowis her ambassadoure then, and at his othe geuing, exceptid his alledgeance to the Quene his souueraine. Ye shall do uell to use the Lorde Thesauraire uerrie kyndlie, and geue him assurance of my goode uill. Deale also by Hudsone uith the Secretarie as he hath desyred you, and so quhill further occasion, I bidde you fairuell.

JAMES R.

Indorsed: His Majesties thrid priuat lettre to Beltreis: December 1599.

The SAME to the SAME [December 1599].

12. Sincc the uritting of my last lettir, heir uith inclosid, M. Dauid brocht me youre last, but since alsucill be my awin, as be the Secretaries letters, I haue sufficientlie informid you of all I haue to saye at this tyme, I uill onlie nou

remember you to haisten youre ansouris to all my last direetions, and in kaiee ye ressaue the annuitie that notuithstanding of my præecpt for deliueric of it to the thesaurairis man, ye bring it hame in youre awin hande for sicc eausis as ye sall knaw at meiting. I ame informid M. Coluill is yett in London, and meitis oft uith the secretarie. Foryett not to use all the moyanes ye can for uinning sum of the ladies of the quenis priue chalmer and speciallie that ladie ye urote of [in youre] first letters, for thay maye in deu tyme do bettir seruice then men are auiare of. Fairueill.

JAMES R.

Indorsed: His Majesties fourt priuat lettre to Beltreis: December 1599.

The SAME to the SAME [20th January 1599].

NOTES FOR M. SEMPILL.

13. If ye haue put all my directions to a direct pointe, ye shall aduerteishe me partieulairlie thairof, that I maye requyre youre desmissing. Ye shall informe me, uith the first occasion, hou farre on is the peax with Spaine, and quhat farther uorde ye hearc anent the Archidukis brothers mariadge with Arbella. If any reports anents my behauiourc be further called in question, ather eoncerning the Dunkirkers, or any other maitter that maye procure the Quenis offenee, ye shall desyre the Quene to examine this bearare thairupon, in youre presenee, quho althoeh he be my seruaunt, yett being her subiect darre not lye unto her, and hath bene ane eye uitnesse in all these matters.

Ye shall, if ye ressaue the annuitie, deliver to this bearar a c. lib. sterling according to my former uarrande, quhom of ye shall lykeuayes take information anents the olde comptis thairof, for he himself did somtymes ressaue it.

Ye shall procure of the Quene a uarrande to her men for helping of him to take bukis for my use, quhairupon he shall bestow all the chairgis, and shall coste her nothing, but the sygning of the uarrande.

JAMES R.

Indorsed: Instructions vnder the K. hand, Januar 20, 1599.

King James vi. of Scotland, to Queen Elizabeth of England [23d September 1601].

14. My dearest Sister.—I must, by these few lynes, presume rather in a homelie then princelie maner, and without all ceremoneis, to recommend the berar heirof vnto yow; and as I have alreddy great cause to thank yow for your so loving and readie grant of a most favorable pasport vnto him, so do I most hartly pray yow to lat him find your good countenance, sence the greatest carand he hathe to cum that way is to have the honour to kis your hand. And altho' I did nocht dout of your awin courtesie in this point, yit I do assure my self it will not be the les gratious for my requeste. And since ye have now occasion to speak with him, being vpon his returne from the discharging of his commissioun in France, I sall be very weill contented that ye examine him in a secreat and familere forme of his procedingis there, and quhat was his direction, that ye may find by proof, according to my promeis, that I shal nevir have dealing in any pairt of the worlde whiche may in any sort tende to your preiudice, but by the contraire, sall evir be cairfull of the prosperous continuance of your suretie and weill, as farre as shall ly in my power, as I hoip schortly to gif yow some prooff in sum particuleris that my cousin, the berar heirof, will informe yow in: quhairby my honestie, I hoope, shall the bettir appeare. And thus with my hartele prayeris to the Almichtie for your tuitioun, I will put end to these my raggit lynes scribled in haste.

Your most loving and affectionat broder

James R.

Indorsed: Copie of his Maiesteis lettre to the Quein, send be Beltreis, to be delyverit be my Lord Duk. 23 September 1601.

The Same to the Scotch Bishops [11th April 1606.]*

15. Ryght trustye and weilbeloued, wee greet yow hartly weill. Out of the earnest care we haue had these many yeairs for restoring the decaied estate of our churche in that kyngdome, making speciall choyce of your ministerye for the

* Letters from the Scotch Bishops to King James vi., are printed among the State Letters, *infra*.

perfeetion of so good a worke, against whiehe the spirit of opposition (having spent already his boltis *ad causam*) is now full of no thing els but personall exeeptiones, carping more at our choyee of the instruments then mistrusting our endis in the worke; eheefly against your many jurneyis and long residings with ws at our Court: laiking (or reither shutting vp) in them selfis the eye of diseretion, whereby from time to time they may see the fair different trauels in things beginning and things satled, evin in churche matters: and (whiehe is most of all) that their resounles contradictiones are the eaussis of your extraordinarye trauels. Wee haue (therefore), out of due deliberation had with these two your brethren Bishops of Glasgo and Orkney, taken suehe ordre for satling a sure and quiek correspondence with yow, that hereafter not one of yow shal be drawin to any more jurneyis and vnneeessarye charges, but at suche times as wee shall be pleased to eall for yow. So that whensoeuer either the generall of the eaus, or your owne lawfull particulars shall require, yow may haue ws at all times safelie aduerteised, and expeet suehe returnes from ws, as maye geve yow sufficient satisfaction in either of boith, as we haue willed your brethren to oppen more fully vnto yow. Thus looking, that as wee haue (beside our generall eare of the weill of our churehe and quietnes of our state) bene particularlie pleas'd, to grace and benefite yow and eaehe of yow in your seuerall plaees, so that by your duetyfull behauiour and discharge of your eallings, yow shall geve evident testimony to the worlde that yow haue deserued no lesse at our hands, and that all your actiounes may be sene to proceede from suehe grauitye and wisdome as may breed in the beholders not onely a love to the caus, but evin reuerence also to your places, and a liking of your persones: We eommit you to God.

Indorsed: King to the Scotts bishops. April 11, 1606.

The Same to John Spottiswoode, Archbishop of Glasgow, requiring him to search out and commit to custody all Jesuits, seminary priests, etc. 11th April 1606.

16. Ryght trusty and weilbeloued counsalour, we grete yow weill: For so muche as wee are crediblie enformed that diuers Jesuites and seminarie preists haue an

ordinarie repair in our kyngdome of Northbrettane, and speeialhe in the bounds of your jurisdietion, whose courses we haue tryed, by diuers late and wounderfull experiences, to eonsist in diuerting people boith from their christiane duety towards God, and their obedience to their prinec: Therefore it is our will and pleasure that now, after your repairing thither, yow enfourme yourself more fully hercin, and, aeeording as yow shall fynd grounds, to searehe, apprehend, and eommitt in surety

and all vthers Jesuits and seminary preists whatsoeuer, or wheresoeuer to be founde within the bounds of your jurisdietion, till wee, being aduerteised by yow, signifye our farder minde and pleasour towards them, their tryall, or punishment. And if oeeasion require yow, eall for your assistaunce suehe of our duetifull and obedient subieets as shall be thought fitt by yow for that seruiee; and if nede beis, to make our keyes oppen all and whatsoeuer houses whcre yow shall knowe their persones to be rceeaved: whereof these shall be your suffieient warrand and Commission. Gevin at our Court at Westminster, the 11 day of Aprile 1606.

To our ryght trusty and weilbeloued eonsalour Johne Arehebishop of Glasgo, and all vthers our louing and obedient subieets whome it may or shall eoneerne.

The Same to the Bishops of Scotland, dated 2d Mareh 1611.

17. Ryght reuerrend fathers in God, our ryght trusty and weilbeloued counsalours, we grete you hartly weill. Two mayne poynts we finde in your last lettres requyring our present ansuer, one anent that newe Confession of Fayth; another eoneerning that minister we intend for the Session. The first is so agreable vnto ws, as it shall haue no farder hinderanee then so muehe time as you shall spend for setting suehe frame vpon it as in your iudgements shalbe founde most expedient; whiehe being thereafter perused by ws, as it were *adhibendo ultimam manum* for his full life and perfeetion, shalbe returned vnto you strenthened with all suehe autority or proclamations as shalbe nedefull.

As to the other poynt, we sie no doubt, nowe moved by yow, whiehe we did not preoeeupye in our last lettres directed by the Arehbishop of Glasco to

that effeet. For howesocuer the members of the Session, in regaird of their families, be scattered (as yow write) throughout the citty, yet the Session, as suche a body, meeting by them selues, maie very weill admit a worthy man for their chaiplane for reading of prayers and preaching vnto them at fitt and convenient times, without any interruption of the ordinarye parishionall disciplin. Neither is it any newe thing to sie a minister at Edinburgh preaehe the word without mixing him self with the saeraments, vpon lesse oceasion then this. And seing we did intend hereby also to give a precedent of that lovable custume whiehe the better sorte of our subiects and nobilitye hold here, that eaehe of them haue their owne chaplanes, we sie no reason to fall from our former grounds, least we be either held contrarious in our owne proceedings, or to be ledd to and fro in suche eaees by your onlye suggestions.

Therefore our pleasure yet is, that yow continewe in perswading them to conforme their obedience in this point and the Session to cast howe that contribution maie be leavied for his maintenance. For when all this shalbe done, before we can pick out a person whome we shall hold worthy of this eharge, it may so fall out, that some ordinary place there maie vake, and so one man be able to discharge both: as also, to deliberat whither we shall think good to direct any worthy men for preaching there at suche choyce times and plaees as shalbe fitting, and so to attend the vaking of ordinary plaees.

How farr we haue satisfyed your other demands, yow shall vnderstand by our servant Sir James Sempill, whome we haue nowe (conforme to all your desires) gevin yow for your agent. And so we bid yow hartly fareweill. From Whitehall, the 2d of Marche 1611.

The Same to George Gladstanes, Arehbishop of St. Andrews, 10th April 1612.

18. Ryght reuerend father in God, our ryght trusty and weilbeloued counsalour, wee grete yow hartlie weill. Howe aeeeptable it wes vnto ws to hear the message yow sent by Mr. Josua Dwrye of the obedience and eonforming of the citty of Sanetandrois to our pleasure, we remitt to his returne and repport of our ansueris in satisfactioune of your and theire demandes: and for this tyme, vpon

the present aproche of your Synode there (which we doubt he can not prevent), we ar to recommend to your caire and diligence the good cariage of all thingis generally that may tend to the peace and weell of our churche in that boundes; and in speciall, the poynt of comely and decent habitt of the Ministrie at suche assembleis, which we haue often commanded, but hawe not yet bene certyfeid of the performance be yow, which now, efter this be dismissed, we exspect of yow ether full satisfaction, or to knowe what, and in whome, be the impedimentis. And to witnes vnto yow howe welcome ar to ws all newes of oure subieets conforming themselves to our will (euer intending there weell), we haue resolued that even the messinger of good tydingis (howsoeuer gracious with ws for his good behawiour at all tymes) shuld taste of our fauour now by our earnest recommendatioune of him to your fatherly caire; and in speciall, that as he hathe procured of ws in your name satisfactioune of that mater of the Archdeamy: So, notwithstanding of the incorporatioune of the gleeb with it, yow shuld tak all suche speedy course, as he maye posses the said gleeb during his service at that churche, in designatione and priveledges as ample as either that place affordis or the lawes and customes of the churche of that our kingdome do allowe to otheris. And if any forder necessity be, of our autoritye and fauore for effectuating hereof, vpon your adverteisment by your agent it shalbe presentlie returned. So exspecting withe the first to heire the performance of these, we committ yow to God. From Whitehall, the tenth day of Aprile 1612.

The Same to the Same, 26th June 1612.

19. Right trustie and weil belouit counsellour, we great yow hairtely weell. As we have just caus to rejoyce in your reporte of the ductifull obedience of your late synode held at Hadington, so we must give yow to vnderstand that we have moir watchfull eyis over such actiounes then most men beleave, and have heard by othirs that which yow seam to lat fall the absenting of some ministers who therby giue no les argument off disobedience then those who appeared of conformity. Their names (as we haue them) be Kare and Magye. Howsoeuir this hath escaped yow, our will is yow examene to the full, the treuthe of this poynt, and onles yow fynd suche sufficient reasone of their absence, as may

remowe all scandall of disobedience, that yow so censure theme as they be not a stumbling blok vnto others: and of this lat ws haue your owne informatioune. We ar weill pleased withe Mr. William Cowper's acceptance, hopeing it shall prowe as yow write; and least he should think we thrust him vnder a burdene without regarde howe he maie support it, we requyre your self, the archbishope of Glasgow, and the bishope of Dunkeld, to vnderstand the state of that place, and deall with the wyfe, and children of the defunct for quyeting all suche questiounes as may arryse amongst theme, wherin our autorityc and ayde shall noway be missing. The rest of all your lettres and articles yow shall knowe our will by Sir James Semple. For the shisme we heare anent the place of the bibliotheck of Sanctandrois, becaus we can from this, precisly designe it, we will and requyre yow (as chancler of that vniversity) to haue suche regarde and cair of it as it be placet in suche convenient pairt as may best fitt the wholle body, and with no just caus of offence of any: and what yow thus determene heirin, we will approve: So we bid yow hairtely fairueill.

Wansteid, the xxvith of Junij 1612.

Letter from King Charles I., 5th September 1629.

20. Trustie and welbelouid, we greet you weall. Hauing alreadie had good proof of your sufficiencie and affection to our seruice and the publick good of our kingdom of Scotland, and being willing, for the good of church and commonwealth, that sufficient and able men be chosin commissioners at the nixt michellmes for the parliament which we intend schortlie to hold there in person, we requyr you in our name to go through suche schyres of our said kingdom as you sall think neidfull and to deal withe the schereffs therof and such others whocis pouer may procuir most woices to the election of the said commissioners, for chusing them such able and sufficient men as you kno to be weall affected to our seruice and the publick good, desyring them lykuyse to be cairfull in procuiring the consent of thes that hes interest in the said election, to confirme suche of the commissioners that war chosin the preceading year whom you kno to be weall acquanted withe the estait of our present effaires, and of quhoes abilities and affection to our seruice you ar confident. Thus in respect of the

former trust you haue had in thes bussines and of your deutifull diseharge therof, expeeting you will taik the best eourse you ean for advaneing our said seruiee after this manner, and to advertease us of suehe of the saides persones who by the effeets haue sehouen, or sall seho, their affeetion therunto, we bid you fairuell. From our eourt at Windsore, the fift of September 1629.

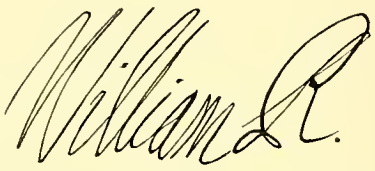
King Charles I. to the Commissioners of Exchequer in Seotland, 2d June 1630.

21. Right trusty and right welbeloued eousin and eounsellour; right trustie and welbeloued eousins and eounsellouris; and right trustie and welbeloued eounsellouris, wee greete you well. Whereas vpon eonsiderationes knowen vnto vs, wee did grant vnto our right trustie and welbeloued Cousin and Counsellour, the Earle of Nithisdale, the guift of his liferent and eseheate, and haue been pleased of late to signe vnto Sir John Maxwell of Neither Polloek, a guift of his, in respeet the same did fall at the disposing of the said Earle, as superior of his landes, by his remaning in rebellion, as suretie for him: To the effeet that no further vse be made by the said Sir John of any benefite that may arrise to the said Earle, by the falling of Sir John his liferent and eseheate in his handes, then in so farr as he hath suffered by being suretie for the said Earle; our pleasure is, if he, or any in his name, shall mak it appeare that this guift may be further extended then to seeure the said Sir John from all danger of horninges, as eautioner for the said Earle, that the same be renewed aeeording as is hereby truely intended, and thereafter to be past and exped the seales there; but if nothing shalbe made appeare eontrarie to what is alleadged by the said Sir John, that yow eause exped this guift with all eonvenient diligenee: For doing whereof these presents shall be your suffieient warrant. From our eourt att Whythall, the second day of Junij 1630.

To our right trustie and right welbeloued eousin and eounsellour, to our right trustie and welbeloued eousins and eounsellouris, and to our right

trustie and welbeloued eounsellouris the Viseount of Duplin, our ehaneeler, the Earle of Morton, treasurer, the Earle of Monteith, president of our Priuie Counsell, and to the remanent noblemen and others, the eommissioners of our exehequer in our kingdom of Seotland.

Nomination by KING WILLIAM III. of SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Lord Justiee-Clerk, to be an ordinary Lord of Session, 6th February 169$\frac{8}{9}$.



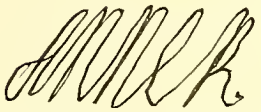
22. Right trusty and right well beloved eousin and eouneellor, right trusty and entirely beloved eousin and eouneellor, right trusty and well beloved eousins and eouneellors, trusty and well beloved eouneellors, and trusty and well beloved, we greet yow well. Understanding that there is a plaee of one of the ordinary Lords of our Session now vaeant, and it being requisite that a person of learning, knowledge and experienee in the lawes should be preferred thereunto, to the end that in default of the ordinary number of the Senators of our College of Justiee of that our aneient kingdom, there be no hinderanee of the administration of Justiee. And we being well informed of the loyalty, literature and good qualifieations of Sir John Maxwell of Polloek, our Justiee Clerk of that our kingdom, and of his abilities and willingnes to serve us in that plaee and trust; therfor we have thought fit to nominat and present him unto you: Requiring you effeetually to try, and thereafter to admit and reeeive him to the foresaid ordinary plaee, aeeepting him as one of your number. And we do hereby ordain him to have and enjoy all honours and privileges thereunto belonging, with vote amongst you, and to be partieipant of your salleries, taking his oath as use is; as you will have justice to be administered, and as you will do aeeeptable service to us. And so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our eourt at Kensington the 6th day of February 169$\frac{8}{9}$, and of our reign the 10th year.

By His Maiestys Command,

SEAFIELD.

To our right trusty and right well beloved cousin and councellor, our right trusty and entirely beloved cousin and councellor, our right trusty and well beloved cousins and councellors, our trusty and well beloved councellors, and to our trusty and well beloved, Patrick Earle of Marchmont, our chancellor, Sir Hugh Dalrymple of North Berwick, president of the College of Justice of our ancient kingdom of Scotland, and the rest of the Senators thereof.

QUEEN ANNE to the Lords of the Treasury, to pay Sir JOHN MAXWELL'S Salary as Justice-Clerk, 22d February 170$\frac{6}{7}$.



23. Right trusty and right intirely beloved cousin and councellor, right trusty and right well beloved cousin and councellor, right trusty and well beloved cousins and councellors, right trusty and well beloved councellor, and trusty and well beloved councellor, we greet you well. Whereas we, having taken into our royal consideration, that our well beloved councellor, Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, one of the Senators of our College of Justice, did serve as Justice Clerk for part of the half year betueen the terms of Martimas j^{m} vii^{c} and two, and Whitsunday j^{m} vii^{c} and three, for which no fee nor sallery hath been paid to him, and being resolved to bestow a mark of our Royal favour upon him, it is therfor Our will and pleasure, and we hereby authorise and require you to pay to the said Sir John Maxwell the sum of two hundred pounds sterline, being the fee and sallery due for half a year as Justice Clerk aforesaid, and that out of the first and readiest of the funds appropriated for payment of our officers of state: For doing of which, this shall be to you, and to the Lords Auditors of your accounts, for allowing the same, a sufficient warrant: and so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at our court at Kensington, the 22d day of February 170$\frac{6}{7}$, and of our reign the 5 year.

By her Majesty's Command,

DAVID NAIRNE.

To our right trusty and right intirely beloved cousin and councellor, our right trusty and right well beloved cousin and councellor, our right trusty and well beloved cousins and councellors, our right trusty and well beloved councellor, and to our trusty and well beloved councellor, James Duke of Queensberry, our high commissioner, James Earle of Seafield our chancellor, and the rest of the Lords and others commissioners of our treasury of our ancient kingdom of Scotland.

Archibald Douglas of Cavers, generall receiver of Her Majesty's rents, pay unto the above named Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, the above mentioned sum of tuo hundred pound sterline, conform to the above written letter; for which these presents, with his recept, shall be your warrand. Dated at Edinburgh, the 28th day of March 1707.

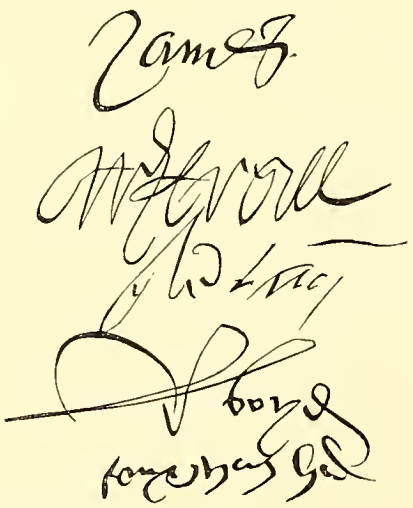
Seafield, Cancellar.
Montrose, P.
Galloway.
Northesk.
Glasgow.
F. Montgomerie.

STATE AND OFFICIAL LETTERS.

JAMES DUKE OF CHATELHERAULT, Earl of Arran, and others, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 4th March 1559.

24. Traist freind, eftir hertlie commendatioun. We ar heir presentlie convenit, and hes sum thingis to do with yow, quhilkis can nocht be done without youre presence: Thairfore we pray yow that ye adres yow and cum to ws to Glasgw, the fyft day of Marche instant, for sik thingis as ye sall knaw at youre cuming: and failze nocht heirin, vthir wayis we can nocht stand content with yow: and God keip yow. Off Glasgw, the ferd day of Marche 1559, be

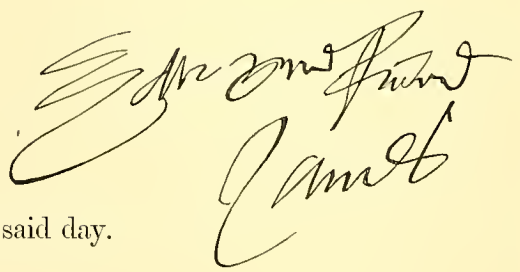
Your gude freindis,



To oure traist freind, the Lard of Nethir Pollok, etc.

JAMES DUKE OF CHATELHERAULT, Earl of Arrane, &e., to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 23d March 1559.

25. Traist freind, eftir hertlie commendatioun. Because we wnderstand ye culd nocht keip the xx day of this instant with youre freindis and servandis in the toun of Glasgw, to haif met ws thair conforme to our wryttingis and proclamatioun maid thairupoun, be ressoun the browlye that the franche men hes maid in thir partis : Quhairfoir we haif thocht gude, with the advyse of the counsall, to continew the metting quhill the xxvi day of this instant moneth, and hes aduerteist our freindis of England to that effeet ; and prayis yow werray effectuuslie that ye with youre kin, freindis and servandis, bodin in youre best maner, faill nocht to be in Glasgw the said xxvj day of this instant, with xxx dayis vittalis, to pass forwart and meit our saidis freindis of England, as wes first devysit for expelling of the franche men, quha now oppressis the puir liegis of this cuntre. Nocht doutand bot ye will do the samen, as ye luf the gloir of God, the libertie and commoun wele of this youre native cuntre, and do ws singular emplessour. And God preserve yow : off Glasgw the xxiii day of Marche 1559, be



We pray yow faill nocht to keip the said day.

To our traist freind The Lard of Nethir Polk.

The SAME to the SAME, 25th September 1560.

26. Traist freind, eftir hertlie commendatioun. This salbe to aduerteis yow that forsamekle as the Lord Semple with his complices, hes committit mony and

sindry oppressionis and otheris innormeteis, quhairthrow he is iustlie denuncit our Soueranis rebell, and put to the horne, and now haldis ane hous of weir with certane waigerons to oppres the haill euntre; and for stanseheing thairof, the Counsall hes devisit oure sone to pas fordwardis towardis the said hous of Castell Semple, and to put the samin vnder obedience, swa that the withhaldaris thairof oppres na fardar the pouir peopill of the euntre: Praying yow heirfoir, ryeht effectuuslie, that ye faill noeht to meit oure said sone at Glasgw, the last day of this instant, aeeumpanyit with youre freindis and servandis, bodin in fear of weir, in youre best maner, and remane with him for the space of xiiii dayis for performyng of the said purpois: for we will think ws addettit to thame that dois him honour at this tyme, beeause the Counsall hes desyrit him to aeeept this eharge. Noeht dottand bot ye will aeeompleis the samin for sie steid and plessour as we may do to yow. And swa we eommitt yow to the protcetioun of God: Off Edinbureht, the xxv day of September 1560, Be

Yowr gwd freind,

JAMES.

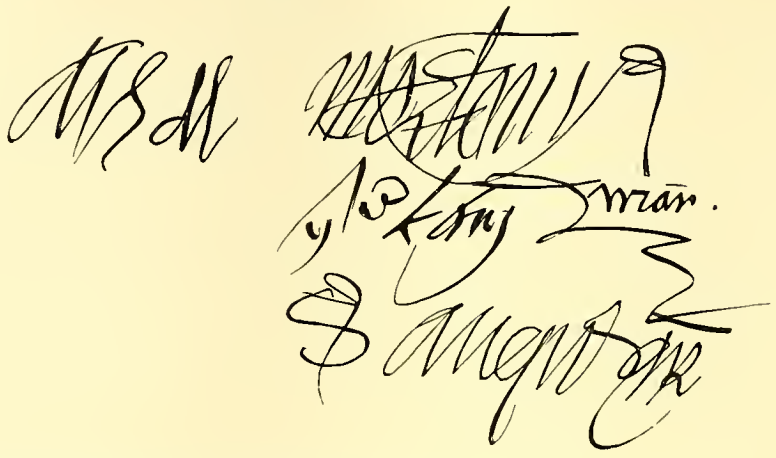
To oure traist freind, the Lard of Nethir Poyk.

The EARLS of ATHOLL, MORTOUN, GLENCARN, MAR, and LORD SANQUHAR to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 20th June 1567.

27. Traist freind, eftir oure hartlie eommendatonis. We doubt nocht bot ye se and eonsidderis the ryehtuousnes of that querrell quhilk we haif interprysit, and myndis, with Goddis graee, to set furthwart with oure lyvis and gudis, quhill the murtheraris of the King, the quenis lait husband, be pvnissit, hir maiestie relevit of that ignomius sklander and bondage quhilk be the Erll Bothuillis occasioun seho hes sustenit, and iustiee restorit and mantenit in this realme to all the subiectis. To the furtherance of this we luke for your gudewill, as a gentilman that luffis the querrell and the eommoun weill of this your native euntre. And thairfoir we pray you, effeetuuslie, that ye addres yow to be at ws heir in Edinburgh with all gudlie diligenee eftir the ressait heirof, to joyne with us and assist ws with your avyis and eounsale, as ye will deelair your gudewill to this aetioun and procure ws all to be your freindis in ony eaus that ye sal haif to

do quhill we leif. Referring the rest to meting; and in the menetyme lukand for your answer, committis yow to God. At Edinburgh the xx day of Junii 1567.

Yowr gude freinds,



To oure traist freind the Lard of Nethir Pollok.

SIR LEWIS BELLENDEN of Auchnoul, Lord Justiee-Clerk, to LORD JOHN HAMILTON, 4th February 1586.

28. Pleis your lordship, this efter noune thair is ane sehip landit quhairin the maister of Grayis vncle, Robert Gray, vith sum vtheris of his tryne ar cummit to this towne. Thay eoum vt of London vpon monunday last. Thay luikit that the ambassadoris quha tuik journey the last setterday haid benc heir befoir them. I find lytill greit eontentment in theis that ar cummit, and I expect no better at the returning of the ambassadoris. I haiff this day in the towlbouith be accident fallin in eonferenee vith my lord of Angus quham I find your lordship hes contentit very weill at your lordship's last being heir. I spak my fantasie to him tuitehing your lordship and all your affairis, and I find, giff vourdis can be trowit, that he is youris in deid, as he douttis noeht sum tyme to giff your lordship pruiff off the samc. I enterit also that materis micht be takin vp betuix him and my Lord Mortoun, quhairinto I find, howbeid he lykis no weil to want any land, yit for your lordship's caus he wald do missor and mairc, and will be

eontent to eaus frendis of his meit vith my Lord Mortonis, quhen your lordship pleisis. Sen your lordship seis that ennemeis ar noeht idill to deuyse all your lordship's wraikis, I vald vis your lordship sauld be ernist to keip all your lordship's freindis at eoncord that throueh varienee your lordship sauld laik none of them : for I am assurit thay vill boith stand be that your lordship vill do, and it var lytill falt to eraib them boith till agrie them. I pray your lordship appardone me that I ame sua bauild vith your lordship in thir materis ; for I protest befoir God it proeeidis of ane hairt that is cairfull of your lordship's prosperous estait, quhilk I dout noeht your lordship dois knaw. Alexander Stewart, younger, is euming home vith the ambassadoris to mak his langag guid be ane denyell for him selff, and ane affirmatione that Mr. Artehbald Douglas and my lord Leeeister had offerit him greit gaine to affirme sik speitchis as vas gevin furth in his name, bot that he refusit them boith. As furder occurris your lordship salbe aduertissit. In the mentyme my humble seruice being rememberit to your lordship and my lady your lordship's bedfallow, I tak my leiff till new oeeasion. Frome Edinburgh, this fourt off Februarie 1586.

Your lordship's to be commandit vith humble seruice,

THE JUSTICE-CLARK.

To my verye guid Lord, my Lord Hammiltoun.

LUDOVICK SECOND DUKE OF LENOX to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 13th November 1593.

29. Rycht assurit frend, we intend, God willing, to returne towart eourte the xxi day of this monthe, wyth our speciall frendis ; and therfor we man earnistly desyre yow to be heir in this toun the xx of the same, waill aeeumpaniet, in peaeeable maner, that we may ryde there all together : We eharge yow familierly, as ye sall haue ws ay reddie to do for yow, oeeasion seruing. And so hoiping ye will not faill to keip tryste heir the said xx day, we eommit yow to the graee of God, wyth our hartlie, our hartlie commendatioun. From Glasgo, xiii of Nouember 1593.

Your Louing freind and Cousing,

Lenox

To our rycht assurit freind and eousing, the Lard off Pollok Maxwell.

LUDOVICK SECOND DUKE OF LENOX, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
1st April 1594.

30. Trest freind, eftir our hertlie eommendatiounis. Forsamekle as his Maiestie hes vpoun necessar weehtie oeeatiounes moveing his Hienes, grantit vs eommissioun to eonvoeat and assembill the haill liegis duelling within the sherefdomes of Dunbertane and Ranfrew, and to eum ferdwert with ws in his Maiesteis seruiee, we will heirfoir ernistlie equeist yow to be at ws in Glasgw vpoun the thrid day of Aprile instant, be aueht houris befoir none, aeeumpaneit with sic of your freindis and seruandis in feir of weir as the sehortnes of tyme may permit, that ye may go ferdwert with ws to Stirling, as ye sall do his Maiestie seruiee, and ws aeeeptable plesour, quhilk we salbe reddie to aequyit: Referring the rest to meting we eommit yow to God. Off Glesgw, the first of Aprile 1594.

LENOX.

To our rycht traist freind and eousing, the lard of Nether Pook.

LUDOVICK SECOND DUKE OF LENOX, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
18th Julij 1594.

31. Ryeht assurit freind, the prinees baptisme is appointit to be at Striueling the ellevint day of August nixt, God willing, quhen the King willis ws all very ernistly to be accumpaneit weill wyth our honorabill freindis in respeet of the imbassadouris quhilkis ar to be there from Franee, Ingland, Denmark, and Flandres: and therfor we man requeste yow maist affeetesly to prepare your selfe in conuenient maner and apparell, and to be there at Striueling, the aueht day of the said monthe of August, thatt we may eoneur wyth our remanent speeiall freindis for the better [mantenans] of His Maiesteis honour and of the euntrie. Sik oeeasions fall owt bott sindell, and therfor our dewities eoneerne ws to eonforme our selfes therto the mair willingly: and so noeht douting bott ye will keip tryste, as ye tender His Maiesteis seruiee, and as ye lyk to haue

ws ay reddie to do for yow, occasioun scruing, we leauc yow in the grace of God, wyth our hartlic commendatioun. From Halyrudhwis, the auchteint day of Julij 1594.

Your Louing freind

LENOX.

To our rycht assurit freind, the Lard of Pollok-Maxwell.

WALTER STEWART, Prior of Blantyre, and ALEXANDER HAY of Easter Kennet, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 19th July 1594.

32. Richt Honorable, efter our hartlie commendationis. The forreyne ambassadouris fra Denmark and Almanyc for the Princes baptisme, being alreddie cum, and vtheris ambassadouris schortlie loukit for, the support of prouisioun for thair interteynement is now maist requisite to be had; and albeit yc haue bene burdynnit of befoir, or nocht be the Kingis Maiestie for this effect, yit ar we requirit be his Hienes speciallic to charge yow for sic support to this honorable erand as guidlie ye may spair: And thairfoir we to quhome the care of this erand is committit, requestis yow effectuuslie, in his Hienes name, to haist it to Edinburgh vpoun the last day of instant quhair the Maister Ladner and vtheris ar appointit to ressaue the same. His Maiestie hes commandit the guid will and benevolence of all personis to be speciallie noted and deliuerit to him quhilk his Hienes myndis to acknaulege accordinglie. And sa we commit yow to God. At Edinburgh the xix day of July 1594.

BLANTYRE.
A. HAY.

To our richt traist freind the Laird Neddir Pollok.

W. WYLIE to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, acknowledging ten Wedders for the Prince's baptism, 13th August 1594.

33. Richt honorable schir, efter my heartlic commendatioun, I ressauit your lettres, quhilk I haue schawin not only to the Maister houshald to his Maieste, bot alsua

to the Lordis of Privie Counsale appointit to remane heir for intertenement of the ambassadouris, quhilkis makis evin your evilwillars to prais yow; and for me, wyte me gif ye be nocht put in memorie in the buke of propynes quhilk beis in his Maiesties awin hand. Your ten wedders ar ressauit be the Maister Fleseheour. Ye will haist in the butter and the kye, that ye may haue thankis for all togidder. The baptisme, vpoun sindry occasionis, is continewit till Sonday eum viii dayes quhen I sall speik yow at mair lenth. Sa I commit yow to God. At Edinburgh the xiii of August 1594.

Youris assuredlie to pouer at command

W. Wylie.

To the Richt honorable and his assured freind, the Lard of Nedder Pollok.

Injunctions to Robert Lord Sempill, as Ambassador from James vi., King of Scotland, to Philip iii., King of Spain, on the occasion of his accession to the Crown, [1598.]

Iniunctiouns for Robert Lord Sempill, our Ambassadour towardis our darrest brother, the King of Spain.

34. First ye sall declair to our dearrest broder, the king of Spain, on our behalf, the regrait and sorrow we haif for the deceis of his vmquhile father of guid memorie, quhilk wald greiff ws mekle mair gif the guid apperranee of sa worthy ane successour gaif ws nocht assurance that nocht onely we, bot all Europ and chrystianitie sall think his place sa weill fillit as the causes of our sorrow salbe the les: And that thairfoir we haif gewin yow chairge to congratulatt his happie entres to sua fair ane monarchie; wisheing at God that he may happielie continew thairin with mony joyfull dayis.

Nixt, ye sall desyre that the auld bandis of freindschip, peax, and amitie quhilk hes beine betuixt his predicessouris and ouris may stand inviolablie on his pairt, as the samyn salbe maist cairfullie obserwed on ouris, and that according to the saidis treatises all wronges committed aganis vtheris, the subiectis of ather of our dominiouns may be juged and repared according to the samyn.

And beeaus the freindsehip standing betuix the prinees and euntreyis permittis lawehfull tred betuix our pepill, and that it may be to the greitar eommoditie of both the natiouns that the said traffik be enlarged be sum liberteis and favorable privileges.

That thairfoir it wald pleis our dearrest brother to authoriz our eonservatour, quhome we haif appoynted ordinair juge in sik pairtis of his euntreyis quhair our traffik is maist frequent, quha may maintene the previleges granted or to be granted in favouris of our natioun, be juge in ony differenees quhilkis sall fall out amangis our awin pepill, and be as it war ane resident ambassadour thair for sik negotiatiouns as salbe neidfull for the serviee of both the prinees.

That our pepill traffiking in ony his Maiesties dominiouns be noeht troubled vnder pretext of inquisitioun for thair religioun, na reeersehe to be maid of thair guidis or geir, thay obeying the lawis of the euntrey and abstenying fra publiet oeeasioun of offenee, or wilfull sklandering of religioun thair professed, being authorized with our testimoniall, vnder our signett and the subseriptioun of our Seeretair of Estate attesting the sehip and guidis to be Seottismenis, and the merehandiee to be lawehfull.

One heid added anent Albertus his mainteining of Bothwell [*cætera desunt.*]

Instruetions by King James vi. to Mr. James Semple of Beltrees, on his Mission to the Queen of England, [e. 1598.]

Instruetions for Mr. James Semple of Beltrees direeted towards our dearest syster the Queene of Englande.

35. 1. Firste, hauing presented to her your lettre of eredit, with our louing eommendations and wishes of prosperity, yow shall deelare how greeuous it is to vs that euen when by all our aetions wee frame our selues to giue best proofe of our earnest desire by a moste iuste eorrespondenee to remoue all opinion of diseontentement oeeasions are ministered whieh wolde exasperate any saue them whoe haue vowed neuer to take any offence as iniuriously done till reparation be refused.

2. Yee shall declare to her coneerning Mr. Ashfield that his coming into our contry was not priue nor obseure, like an outlaw, but authorised by her gouernour of Berwick his lieence, in company with fiue or six other gentlemen, who likewise came from Berwick to Edinbrough.

3. That although he were not direetly recommended by her gouernour to Sir Roberte Kerre, yet sundry gentlemen being in his eompanie of the said Sir Roberte his acquayntaunce, and this Ashefielde no way knowen to him, the carying of the gouernours lettre touching sume particulare bordour affaires, was by him concredited to the said Ashefield, which was an euident token of speciall fauour to him aboue the rest.

4. That our respect to her contry people who in lawfull maner come within our boundes being no otherwise then to our owen within three or foure dayes, the said Ashefield not in seerete or priuily, but publictly, and in eompany with the other gentlemen who came frome Berwick with him, had accesse to vs and licence to kisse our hande, wee being then booted and ready to leape vpone our horsebackes, wherupon wee had no other conference with him. Since which tyme wee did neuer see him, muche lesse haue any familiare conference with him.

5. That ther was no other oeeasioun of his aequayntaunee with Sir Roberte Kerre, but the carying of the governours lettre, neyther can wee learne any thing that euer any purpose was betwene the said Sir Roberte and him smelling of any discontentment of the present estate, but a moste honorable regarde to the Queene as her dewtifull subiect, and as he professed to keepe his dewty and faithfull alleageanee to her in her lyfetyme, so he hoped in the owen tyme to doe vs acceptable seruice.

6. That he frequented and repared publickly all the tyme he was in our contry, all companyes as well Seottish as English, especially such as eame frome Berwick of the governour, his servandis or frendes.

7. That after her ambassadouris arriuall, he frequented his hous publictly, dined and supped familiarely with him, no notice being giuen to vs all this while eyther by her ambassadour or gouernour of Berwick of his offenee or misbehauior, but respected by all them of that nation as a gentleman travelling for his pleasour.

8. Vpon which occasioun he craued our passeport and lettres of recom-

mendation to the prinees of Germanie, whether he was to trauell vpon occasioun of his estate being endebted, and therby his rent hurte, so that he might by sparing his chardges, for a eerteyne space, in those contryes, recouer his losses, which wee graunted to him as wee neuer refused to any her contry people whome we vnderstoode not to be offenderis against her, or her estate.

9. That it is thought verie strange to all men, both here and in other contryes, whether the reporte of suche an aete is caryed, that an English gentleman frequenting publictly her ambassadour on fair day light within the iurisdictioun of our capitall toune, where our prineipall seate of iustice and priuie counsell were actually sitting, shoulde haue bene eyther violently taken or deceatfullie withdrawen, and by suche a cosenage caryed away through fourty myles of Scottish grounde.

10. That if her governour had ressented him selfe of any wrong done by the said Ashefield in abusing (as is allcadged), of his passeporte, or if it had bene signifyed to vs by her ambassadour that he had bene an outlaw or offender, the experience of tyme past hath given sufficient proofe that wee haue not only not harbored her rebels, but when, in virtue of the league standing betwene vs. she hath requyred any such as have repared within our eontry, wee delyuered them. So that his carying away in sueh a maner to our disgrace, and greate discontentment of the whole contry, without firste requisition had bene made for his delyuerie, cannot tend but to the breach and violation of that amity and frendly dewty which wee expected.

11. That the ambassadours behauiour in this can eary no pretext of excuse, being a publick persone, and by his commission direeted only to ourselfe, and hauing of our owen mouth receaued satisfactioun in all he coulde alleadge or complayne of in the Queen's behalfe; and notwithstanding shoulde haue practised vnder hand this act so pryiudiciall to the honour both of vs and our eontry.

12. That his guilt is so much the cleerer that he furnished his coche and servandis to the doing thereof, without the which the platte could not haue taken effect.

13. That he stoode neer by an ey-witness in eompany of one Gueuara*

* John Guevara, deputy-warden of the East marches, cousin of Lord Wylloughby, Governor of Berwick.

and some other, the governour of Berwick his seruandes, who were directed to attende vpon the performance of that matter, and that after he saw the coch gone away, and the said Ashefield therin, he dismissed the company to make them conuoy, and returned to his lodging on his nag without bootes and none with him except a lacquay, all the rest being attending on the foresaid purpose.

14. That being requyred by vs to have exhibited his coeheman, footeman and porter whoe were all three actuall doers in this practise that by them the verity of the fact might haue bene knowen, he hauing pretended some friuolous excuses, conueyed them priuily away for esehewing the tryall.

15. That wee hope the ambassadour on his honour shall not denye that he confessed to vs that although he gaue countenaunce publieklie to the said Ashe field, receaued him in his hous, and at his table, yet he affirmed it to be no faulte to deceaue him whoe had deceaued.

16. That it is notorious that the said ambassadour eight dayes before, daylie practised one named Waneman, the said Ashefields companyon and chamberfellow, to deceaue and betray him in the manner he did, and that the aforesaid Gueuara, and one Waterhous, secretary to the gouernour, were perceaued by sundry in the ambassadours hous, and with himselfe, the dayes immediately pryceeding, verie bussye composing of the said purpose.

17. That the morow after the fact was committed, the said Waneman being searched and sought was kept close in the ambassadours hous, till by the baeke gate of his garden he was secretly conueyed to his hors and directed to Berwick.

18. That wheras it is said that the said Ashefieldis transporte was voluntarie, and that ther was no faulte except that he suffered him selfe to be abused with faire promises, that the contrary is cleere for the reasons following :—And first,

19. Because it is verifyed by the depositions of sundry honest men, aswell English as Scottes, that his going to Leeth was onely to drinke with Waterhous, Waneman and others his companyons who had giuen him a dinner ther the day before, which appeares cleerlie in so farre that hauing sufficiently of his owen wherwith to defray his chardges, he departed without any payment of his host, went doune without bootes, or any jorneying apparell, earying nothing

else out of his lodging, sauing as he went all day, not remouing so much as any his papers, or writingis, or any parte of his baggage, not bidding anye his frendis or companyons farewell.

20. And although it was said that the comming of the coch was accidentall, and that the ambassadour solemnely denyed the employment therof, to that errand, yet it is verifyed that Waneman and Waterhous hauing made the said Ashefield somewhat dronken, transported him out of the hous where they had dyned to the hous of another Englishman in Leeth, named Williame Mylneburne, which had the prospect towardis the sandis where they diligently attended the coming of the coch, which they no sooner saw, but they departed leauing their wyne vndronken.

21. It is likewise verifyed that Ashefield being mynded to haue returned on foote to Edinbrough, hauing in his company his host an Englishman named Maister Dyttoun, this Waterhous mooued him to enter into the coch, and at their entry commaunded their said host to prepare their supper for them, and that they might be the better disposed for it, they wolde goe in the ambassadors coch alongst the sandis, and returne home to the toune by Restalrig, and when as his comerade Waneman wolde haue entered in the coch with him, Ashefield wolde not permitte, affirming he wolde be sick, and therfor that he shoulde goe home on foote the neerest way, and attend them to supper. Wherby it is manifest that he had none other purpose but to haue returned to his lodgeing, and that his transporting to Berwick was violent, at leaste deceatfull against him and dishonerable against vs and our contry.

22. Whiche ministers iuste cause of complainte to vs against her ambassadour in not giving vs notice that Ashefielde was an offender, that according to the league he might haue bene delyuered, or at leaste in wronging vs by mistruste of our honest mynde to doe iustice which on our parte heretofore hath not bene refused.

23. Wee haue no lesse cause to complaine vpon her gouernour of Berwick, who being in so frendlie exterior tearmes of goode liking, wolde not acquaynte vs if any wrong had bene done to him by the aforesaid Ashefield, for wee trust that since his acceptatioun of that chardge, he may not iustly complayne of any fault of our ready corresspondence in the ministering of iustice, lyke as if he had requyred the said Ashefield wee coulde not in honour haue refused him.

But he being eome into a contry by his permissioun, employed by him in carying a lettre, a stealth so reproehfull to vs ought not to haue bene praetised vpon him within our owen eontry.

24. Neyther ean he vpon his honour denye the longsome practising therof by sending his aforesaid eosen Guevara, and his said seeretary Waterhous, at diuerse tymes, immediately before the said day and sundry others his servandis, frequentlie reparing hether, and their priuie conferenees therupon, in the ambassadouris lodgeing, their departing hoome with him to Berwick all the way, besides manye other praetises whieh were espyed though the partieular was not knowen before it was done.

25. As to our reparation of the aforesaid wrong coneerning the ambassadour, sithenee he is her seruande nothing belonging to vs, employed in a publiek eommissioun, and very well receaued and thought of by vs, if he haue exceeded the boundes of his ehardge wee fully remitte both the tryall and punishment to her owen discretioun, and as for the respeet wee earye to her, wee haue absteyned frome medling with him, or suffering him to be in any sorte molested, so wee hope that shee weyghing her owen honour, whieh in this poynt remitted to her, is no lesse interessed then ours, shall take suehe a eourse as honour and justiee requyre. For as to vs, wee only asked of him by our owen mouth in eounsell very eurteously what his parte was in that actioun, and if he had reeeaued of her any eommissioun to that effeet, so wee suppose that on our parte he can alleadge no behauior but verie gratious, whieh wee remitte to his owen deelaratioun.

26. The diseontentment of our people after so publick an indignity proeeeding frome his owen open deelaring him selfe a partaker therof, is his owen blame, which although wee commaunded by all meanes possible to be quenched, yet he eannot in his conscience denye but he saw sueh animosity euen in the smallest poore ones in the streete that he might easily pereeaue them to be mooued by no other instigatioun but their naturall hatred against so opprobriouse a fact.

27. If at any tyme he kept his hous it was by no comamndement but to eschew the furie of the people.

28. The eausing attend vpon him while the rumor was running that he

wolde secretlie departe, was his surety conioyned both with her honour and ours, alwayes without anye offence to him eyther in worde or deede.

The consideration [*cætera desunt.*]

JAMES SYMPILL of Beltreis, to KING JAMES VI., 15th September 1599.

36. Pleis your Maiestie, there came to me on Weddinsday the xii of this, a Scott vnknowen heir, serving a lady at court thir fyve yeirs, the lady Kyldares wedow, whome I wold have suspected as sent of purpos, if I had nocht found him of cours witts, and his meaning to be only to sie his freendis at Scotland about Christmes, and so by me to pas, and be honored with your Maiesties presence whome he neuer yett did sie. And even this next morning hath he interrupted my lettre by sum of his ladyes preserve meits whiche he came for to Londoun for her ordinarie bed breckfast, becaus she ryseth sone be ten a clock, as he sayeth. He is a very kynd young one, and hath for Scotsmen's causs had sundry fyghts with Inglis men at court. His name is Dicksoun, borne by Dunfreis. He assureth me muche of his ladyes kyndnes toward your Hienes and people; whiche I better beleve in respect of the circumstances of tyme, place, persouns, and purpois deduced by him; specially in a disput at dinner in her father's hous, my lord Admirall with his sister anent your Maiesties successioun, being asked why she would a Scott succedet, ansucred, becaus so God wolde; and agane, if she knew nocht the law made by King Henry anent outlandische successors, ansuered, Kings make lawes, but God maketh Kings. Judge yow (Sire) if this wes nocht well pleaded. She is in guid grace with her Maiestie, and presented the knyf the day of my acces for openyng your Hienes' lettres; a very fyne lady, and reported very well of my behauiour at table therefter, although my presence made thame all los their dinner for attendance. My lord Cobhame, wardane of Cinque Ports, suteth her in mariage.

At her Maiestics returning from Hamptoun Court, the day being passing foull, she wold (as hir custume is) go on horsback, although she is skars able to sitt vpryght, and my lord Hunsdane said, it wes not meete for ane of her

Maiesties yeirs to ryid so in suche a storme. She annsuered in gret anger 'My years! mades, to your horses quickly,' and so rode all the way, nocht wouehafing any gratious eountenanee on him for two dayes. And as she passed by Kingstoun, ane old man fell on his kneis, praying God she might leve ane hundreth years; whiche pleased her so as it myght come to pas: whiehe I take to be caus that some preaehers pray that she may last as the sone and the moone; and yett they know (I think), that the sone finisheth his cours once a day, and once a year: as also the moone changeth monethly, etc.

He sayes me he saw her dance throw the windo on Weddnisday the fyft of this, the spaines pavie to a whissill tabourier, none being with her bot the lady Warwiek. All these news have I of him, whiche I thoght guid to lat your Maiestie know, and vs as *seria mixta iocis*, and graver purposes your Maiestie shall have or it be long, and when I shall know from your Hienes that ye do noeht like to know of suche triffles, I will ceis at the first.

I complained to my lord Thesaurer, by the assistance of Mr. Hudsoun, of sum iniurious speeches gevin out by one Atkeinsoun against your Maiestie, whiche his lordship hath desired to be putt in wrett, and I shall sie what cours he shall vs in that matter: so that as yett I ean nocht complaine of any of estate heir, bot that all are willing to discharge that dewtie to your Maiestie whiche ye demerite of thame.

Pleas your Maiestie, coneredite thes to your Hienes' servant, Sir George Elphinstoun, if your Maiestie abolish thame nocht.

Your Maiesties servand, James Hudsoun, geveth me no small light for proseeuting your Hienes effairs, as I hope the effeets shall try: and therefore I must be so bold as humbly to remember your Maiestie how ernistly your Hienes remembred him to me by direetioun to my lord Thesaurer at my last dispesehe; for *dignus est mercenarius mercede sua.*

God ineres your Maiestie aeeording and more nor he hath gevin of apperanee already.

Your Maiestie's most humbly affeetionate subiect and servaunt,

Londoun, the xv of September 1599.

To the King's Maiestie.

JAMES SYMPILL of Beltreis, to KING JAMES VI., 20th September 1599.

37. Pleis your Maiestie, I receaved the 15th of this at none your Hienes lettres, in so secreit and gratious a manner, that if there had bene any pairt of me not wholly devoted as dew to your Maiesties service, itt had quickened, and quickly sett the same on worke; whereby I am so well pleased that no thing hath displeased your Maiestie that I think God hath by your Hienes gratious fauour towards me, so largely recompensed my bypast services, that I account my self advaunced for that whiche is to come; so that, in one word, I must say (and so hope I to prove), as said David—Zelus domus tue, &c. In my former lettres to your Maiestie, I asked mo questiouns then ather I was altogether ignorant of, or yett had passed without pertinent aunsuers, as Ashfeilds meting with your Hienes servands, your alleged complayning to Denmarke &c. But having deserted purpois with her Maiestie vpoun weghtier poynts, I thought best to crave your hienes advyce also in thes, whose jugement I have so oft experimented to be in all subiects more then naturell, I wishe if so I might in the smallest doubts to have your hienes resolutioun: Although I hope as yett, where suddaneties craved quicknes, I have bene found als sharpe as Sempill. I shall reid and ouerreid your Maiestie's lessouns, and doutles having no less then princes, and suche princes to my preceptours, I must prove a scholar. I know the least circumstances will instruct, and oftymes, with much adoe, passed that word *circumstances* amongst ws, wherein I fand her Maiestie more rhetoricall then logieall for she affermed still to cutt me af, that there was no other circumstance bot that a Villaine wes caried from Scotland to Ingland and that she avowed, I shew her, that wes the actioun it self having the plaec of a substance; the circumstances whereof wold declare how, where, when, by whome, and to what end it apperandly wes done. I can say lytle of Ashfeild's hard vsage as yett, whiehe if it continew, will perswade me muche that he is there owne sowis pig, for if he had snappered as they say, he shall doutles suffer for itt; bot things ar kept very close heir, and yett for all there subtilities, the harts of the people can nocht be withdrawen as appeirs. For on fryday 14th came there a Scott to me bearing credeit by tung from one of the Nobilitie, who in regaird of the affectioun he bare to your Maiestie tuik vpoun him the

boldenes to admonishe me that I shulde kepe vp my secreats, if I ony had, speeially from Mr. Secretary, wishing me to eredeit no more then I saw of him. I aunsuered I had no suehe secreats whiehe I coulde noeht conceale, and although I suld snapper it shulde breede no dainger, bot what wes the mans name? He wes sworne no to reveale itt, bot he mynded to speake me, or I shulde depairt. Then said I keepe vp the purpos as well as the persoun, for if any wolde presente thair service to my Maister, by me, his Maiestie behoued ather to know the servants or to count lytlie of the service; and if they feared to hazard on my eredeit, I wished that they shulde mistrust none whome your Maiestie confydet into; and for better proofe of your hienes trust in me, I made him acquented with the thre last lynes of your Maiesties private letter to her hienes whereof I have the double, anent my recommendatioun to her, whiche he thoght so muehe of, that he douted nocht how sone my Lord shulde know itt, bot he wold say farder, for that whiehe he had alredy sayd, wes for the only reports he had hard of me. Vpoun Satterday 15th your Maiesties lettres being eome, cam the same man as I had nere sowped, sehewing me that a servaunt of this Lords wes below attending my laser, to verifie his former eredeit, the keper of his park, who (being retired to my chalmer), presented me his maisters hartly commendatiouns in regaird of your Maiestie whome next to the Q. he wold serve before all the world as his Soveragne. Which so sone as he coulde find oeeasioun he wolde him self more fully lat me know, and withall named him as I shall more privatly do to your Maiestie, and in token that all wes true they had boith spoken vnto me, his Lord had sent me a bucke which he had presently killed. I aunsuered, I thoght my self muehe honored in that his Lords honourable credeit and token in eonfirmatioun thereof, bot I attributed itt to the owne caus, which wes your Maiestie, whome I knew wold be very glaid to vnderstand of his maister's mynd, as he had delyuered it to me, although he had bene of ane inferior place, and so muche the more that it wes honourable and avowable anent boith princes, whiche if it had bene otherwayes, I assured him his Maister shulde have harmed him self of boith hands: These speeehes pleased him so well, that I luik sehortly for farder, and so I schew the Scott your Maiestie letter by your owen hand, newly reecaved, bot no contents, whereat he muehe mervelled, assuring me that few wold beleve itt, and when it shulde be knowen that your hienes vsed me so secreatly, men wolde not sturr

to open thame selfs vnto me. If I find thame vs Ashfeild extraordinarly, I shall, as your Maiesties will is, speak so loud vnto thame, that they shall heare though they wer as deaf as Bowes is.

As to Mr. Colvill, I haue wreting to your Maiesties servant Sir George who wret to me anent him ane other cours to be advysed with your hienes: meane-while I salbe ernistly occupyed in his effairs, conforme to your Maiesties last lettre; your hienes will know by Sir Georgis lettre how vnlikely it is he be trumped, and if it may be, it will nocht be done without money to suche as I must vs therein, whereof I shall more particularly aduertcis your Maiestie as I shall sie apperance.

Your Maiestie promest that although ye wolde nocht reuele your freinds to me, yett ye wold imploy thame for the secret furtherance of your hienes effairs, whiche I beseeche your Maiestie to remember, and ather to caus there credeit kyth in your Maiesties effairs, or ells account thame for fairies, for if your hienes haue freends, doutles your adois shall prove so, and as for me, I shalle vss all diligence for gaining of some to your Maiestie.

Your Maiestie must nocht sturre at thes contrair speechis by some againsts Mr. Secretary and of his against Essex; for that proceedeth more of their factiouns affectiouns, then ather of the veritie, or of their malice to your Maiestie wherewith I am dayly debit. Alwayes I wryt to your hienes all as they present, becaus I feare some midge catchers may informe your Maiestie of suche triffles as things kept vp from me and out of my reache. Bot or it be long, I hope to steale vpoun your Maiesties secreats heir, although by your hienes knowlege, and shall vs the samen as I will be thoght worthie of your Maiesties expectatioun of me, which I crave euer of God in some measure by service to deserve and to preserve your hienes in a long and prosperous regne.

Your Maiesties most humbly affectionat subiect and servant,

J. Sympill of beltreis.

Londoun, 20 Septem. 1599.

To His Maiestie.

First letter.

JAMES SYMPILL of Beltreis, to KING JAMES VI., [1st October 1599.]

38. Pleas your Maiestie. My Lord Chamerlane, whill Mr. Seeretary wes apairt booting him self, roundit to me as *en passant*, that he shulde neuer be ane evill instrument in any thing tuiching your Maiestie, and that he suffered more harme by kything to muehe amongst thame your hienes freende then all the rest hadd. This although it wes bot meane, yett it behoued to be convoyed as a matter of treasoun; suehe ar the tymes. I shew him, with the lyik convoye, that your hienes looked for no other of him, and that your Maiestie had remembred him to me in your hienes privat lettre, as I wold at more lenth show him if I eoulde have seerete oportunitie. He aunsuered he wes to be in Londoun sum of these dayes, whcre he wold speak with me, at whiehe tyme I will deale with him as your Maiestie direeteth me for his better testimonie of his affeetioun by wrett, for he is a *bon homme* and (as I hope) nocht farr from your hiencs seruice. The Admirall did I neuer sie sen my first.

I haue delt with Mr. Seeretary, seing Colvill is in Calice, and his houshold heir to kepe vp any publishing of her Maiesties will anent him, or yett priuatly to latt it slip, till I sie if he returne or not, which he hath promised to do, and follow furth all that mater as I will direet him for your hiencs satisfactioun. I haue layed him out, and am putt in some esperanee if he returne to shake hands with him. If nocht, I hope I may aunsuer for his banishment from thir pairts, which is the hardest pinehe that euer he wes att, as I haue sene by his lettres shewed me by Mr. Secretary how he had rather be earried home in Seotland to drink of that cupp prepaired for him there, then be so vsed. As to the forme anent him sett doun in Sir George Elphinstouns lettre, your Maiestie (failzeing these abouc writtin) may geve your hienes jugement in itt, for so far as I can lerne in veritie of him, *non est dignus ira tanti Cæsaris*, for he is miserable, and so most be all your Maiesties enemies.

Your hienes (if I dair be bolde to advys you so) shall nocht do wors to hold fordwart and incres as occasioun shall offer, your Maiesties cours for prouisioun of armour to your hienes people, for by suehe showes your hienes may well come peeeablie to your intent. I know they move muche this way, for your Maiestie wold haue Janus visages, the ane presently intreating, the other ready

threatning, for of both sortes ar your hienes obiects heir: and with tyme your Maiestie may performe itt easely, for so long careles sleping in that poynt, doeth bot incourage the walkeryf enemie, whereby the contrare, your Maiesties cuntrey (made thus correspondent to your owne curage), shall lat your enemies know, that your Maiestie is tum Maritis tum Mineruae proles.

Essex is this morning 28 come to court vnlooked for. If your Maiestie have any fassiouns with him, itt shal be well done to intertene thame ather by suche as your Maiestie thinketh meete, or shew me how to behave myself towards him, for eschewing both his suspicioun of my misbehauiour anent him, and others jalousies ouer him and suche as familiarly vs him.

If your Maiestie find goode that I stay heir (as doubtles it is best one be heir), then must your Maiestie find out sum new mater to work vpoun at court, for long lying heir, with litle ado at court, will breede great jalousies, and make thame more watchefull ouer my proceedings. And your Maiestie may be assured they crave no thing more nor that I shulde be going, and mislykes no thing more then this forme of interteyning your Maiesties aduertesiments; for secrecy is most thoght of heir.

My lord Murley sent one to me this fryday 28 desyring to remember his humble service to your Maiestie, with promeis, or it be long, to speak myself. Your hienes will wouchaif to lat me haue your mynd anent these maters secretlie.

It semeth to me that the Bishop of Caunterburie wold sie your hienes last buik, by some of his, who deale indirectly in that mater with me. It wold pleas him well inough if your hienes thoght it guid.

A gentleman of guid place in Wales this sunday 30, hath suted for my acquentance by the meanes of a scotsman of glasgow geving himself to be of to travell in Scotland, with most dewtifull speeches of your Maiestie. What enseweth heirof your hienes shall know by the first berars.

No thing moveth men more to kyith thame selfs to me nor their conceipt of your Maiesties confidence in me, fostered boith by that whiche is knowen by your hienes lettre to her Maiestie with me, as also by your Maiesties privat wrets to myself, although they know not (whiche wer impertinent) the contents thereof.

The gentleman's name is Harbert, sone to Sir John Herbert brother to the

Erl of Pembroehe, valued in rent to thrie thousand pund sterling. He hath to wyf a sister of the Erle of Northumberland. The Ridcastell is his hous in Wales. He lyeth heir at Londoun during his mother's lyf, and hes rents within fyve myle to the eitye. By his moyen I am putt in hope to be made familiar with the Erle of Northumberland. All this may do goode. But or they ean tak effeet, I luik for your Maiesties mynd heirin privatlie. Thir lettres, Sir, wold be kept, for their seereey will soner wear out then their vs.

The Chamerlane hath sent me word this sunday at nyght, that he must intreat me to do him a pleasour, whiehe is to show him your hienes last buik priuelie. The Q. hath this day eured the erowells, as the bearer ean shew your hienes the forme who saw itt. He sayeth your Maiestie wer meter for that mater, for he is sure ye haue more fayth then the K. of franee, and she hath boith. God ineress itt with all other earthlie felieities. Londoun 1 Oetobr.

The more seeret your Maiesties buik be kept, the more will it be suted heir, and be ane oeeasioun of aequenting me with sundry of the best sort. Therefore it shall noeht be wors your Maiestie vs itt so for a tyme, and geve charge to thos thatt haue thame. As to me, before I do any thing I will expeet your hienes ansuer therein.

Your Maiesties most humbly affeetionat servant,
J. Sympill of beltreis.

To His Maiestie.—Last letter.

James Sympill of Beltreis, to King James vi., 10th November 1599.

39. Pleas your Maiestie, I can noeht, (after the aequenting your hienes with our last proeedings in your Maiesties serviee), bot in all humilitye thank your Maiestie, boith for your private and most prineely lettres, and for your hienes so gratious accepting of my former, in the clementest sort: for that is evin pareere subiectis &c. I receaved with your hienes freshe instruetiouns evin fresh moyen to, neither can I euer eomplaine of any defects of your Maiesties pairt sinee my imployment heir. God graunt my service may be aunsuerable that your Hienes iniunctiouns anent seereey in the maine poynt, shalbe so well satisfyed, that I hope no man shall be harmed by my dealing. I haue alredy found the effeet of your Maiesties reeommendatioun of my faithfulnes to your hienes freinds by

Mr. Beaconns opening him self to me. I luik for farder or I returne. God graunt as guid frutes to my service as I haue affectiouns to serve.

As to Colvill: I wes neuer so presumpteous as to aduys your Maiestie in suche caces, neither wes euer his mereit so to me, bot onley wret to Sir George as I hard heir for the last extremitie, whereof I sie no apperance. And it had bene a wonderfull bas mynditnes in me, so sone to fall from that heat whiche my former lettres beare to your Maiestie anent him, whereof if I be any wayes cooled, so most your hienes conceat be of me, assuring your Maiestie I shall neuer approche so muche the lyk errour heirefter. I haue a Scotts heart. I think him nocht to be pardoned for his impardonable tresonns. I know the deuils can nocht be saived. I draw neither originall nor end from Origenes. I know your hienes to be cleane from all his calumneis, and by Gods grace your hienes shall either haue him, or Ingland shall nocht hold him; and (as I wret alredy to your hienes) I haue promess of him.

Your Maiestie shall yett do well to caus keepe your buik secreit, for many crave sight of it, bot none haue sene itt. Sundrie bruits goe of it, that your hienes willeth your sone to leaue all to the hous of Guys, that your hienes declyneth from the religion. So many as questioun anent these, I resolve thame to their great contentement.

As to Pembrock: I shalbe as busie as I may, bot he repairs neuer to the citie. His Chapelane in tyme of all the sturres heir preached publickly against suche madd fellowes as durst presume to tak so wydlie of princes in pulpit, cheefly of your hienes. Pembrocks self being appointed to muster with the rest, kept all his people at home mustered, till he wer farder certifyed of the causs, for whiche doing he wes checked in counsall. He lyeth still at home by Salesburie, four score myles hence, and thir sturres concerning Essex, wherein we sie no end, maketh all men stand upon their gaird.

Colvill is in Sainct Valleries for the present, and we luik for him or itt be long. So long as I haue any hope of catching him, I ceas from powsing the Q. against him publictlie acording to her word, for that must be the last refuge.

God, the only trew refuge of all, preserve your Maiestie euer.

Your Maiesties most humly affectionat subiect and servaunt,

J. Sympill of Beltreis.

Londoun 10 Nouember 1599.

To His Maiestie.

SIR JAMES ELPHINSTON of Barnton, Secretary of State for Scotland (afterwards created Lord Balmerino), to JAMES SIMPLE of Beltrees, at the Court of England, 27th November 1599.

40. Right louing frend, the Kingis Maiestie hath commanded me to acquaynt yow with an accident fallen out here, according to the treuth, beeause he vnderstandes, that ther be aneugh bussie to misreporte. A shippe of Dunkirke, during the deadelie stormes that blew about these fiftene dayes paste, hauing sailed her mast, and so beaten with the seaes and scarsety of victuals, that she was vnhable any longer to keepe the seaes, entered the harbry of Leeth. The water Baillie, according to the eustome, hauing gone aboorde of her, learned that she was a Dunkirker, and therfor eame vp to the prouest and baillies to vndirstande their will; who, eommunieating the mater to the King and counsayle, who were, at that present, in the toulboothe, at the eleetion of the Magistrates, it was ansuered that sinee she eame vpon so greate hazarde, and the peace standing betwixt the King of Spain and vs, beside that priuiledge whieh, jure gentium, is dew to all persons in so greate distresse, it eould not be refused to giue them libertie to refreshe them selues and bette their barke. Within a certeine spaee ther eame some Englishmen eomplayning that this Dunkirker had spoyled their shippe and deteyned some of their people eaptive. Whereupon his Majestie direeted the Bailies of Edinburgh to seareh the shippe, wherin they founde no prisoners and goods, none, exeept some few stiehes of Hollande eloth, and some wostet stoekings, not exeeeding the valew of ten lib. starling. It was tryed that ther were more shippes in that eompanye, and that the one, that was moste hable for the seas, had the goodis and prisoners (if any ther were), and eame neuer within the Kingis waters, and that this baggage barke had medled with nothing, and that neyther the one nor the other had done anye wronge within anye parte of the Kingis dominions. His Maiestie eaused partieular instance be made, for deliuerie of the goodis. The Maister of the shippe answered, that, if it pleased his Maiestie to take anye goodis frome him, he wolde not refuse, and desired no more but testifieation, that it was taken frome him, that he might eomplayne vpon the wrong. Our marehandis were moste earnest that they shoulde not be meddled withall, in respeet of the harme it might doe

to them. And likewise the mater being handled in Counsayle, it was founde that, seing we had peace with Spayne, and the warres standing betweene Spayne and Englande, no eniury being done within our waters, and they coming for safety of their lyf, we coulde not without wrong, take anye of their goodis frome them, which in effect, was not worth the taking. Alwyse his Maiestie, for declaration of his goode will and restrayning of his people frome buying of the saidis wares, caused make proclamation, that none should buy anye of their marchandise, wherof ye shall receaue herwith the coppie And the saidis Dunkirkers, finding our people somewhat alienated frome them, after the said proclamation, made saill in the night, euill prouided as they were, beside their expectation. This is the simple trueth, as his Maiestie, vpon his honour, hath commanded me to write; let any man else reporte as he pleaseth.

As to the proeesse eoncerning the muskettis, the owner of them, as I am enformed by Robert Preston, who was the Sollieiter therof, is at point with George Nicolsone, so I haue no more to say.

Ther is a complainte which hath bene oftentimes iterated, without any ordour taken therin, eoncerning our meetingis vpon the bordour, which haue euer bene vpon Scottes grounde, a marke which we haue of no aduantage, it being the remembrance of the slaughter of one of Cesfurde his predeeessouris in satisfaction wherof, wee haue that priuiledge which at no tyme heretofore hath byn called in question: and the ancient Borderers of the Inglish side, will not denye but it hath bene euer inuiolablelie obserued. Therfor, his Maiestie desires that, seing he is enclined to all kind of quietnes and goode ordour, with obseruation of all lawes and customes, wherby the saidis bordours, in tyme past, haue bene ruled, that no alteration be eraiued, but their meeting to be duely kept in all respects according to olde vse and eustome.

Ye wrote in your lettre of the sixth of Nouember that, in your audience which ye had during the time of Mr. Dauidis being here, ye had some conferenee touching the hunting accident, and that ye had kept the discourse therof xx dayes, which, as yet, I haue not sene, except that in a lettre to his Maiestie of the xvith of October, ye make a shorte rehearsall therof. Wherupon, hauing conferred with the eontrymen, who, vnder their hand writingis, had sette doune the simple trueth therof, they require no more then a dew tryall; and if maters be founde otherwise then is sette doune, whereof I gaue you the coppie, they

are content to remayne with the losse without any farther. But vpon naked allegations and discourses at Courte, to procrastinate a lawfull tryall and iuste reparation, appears to be wrong. And, although our people had done the wrong, shoulde not that vrge the tryall on the English side to remoue occasion of further complainte? So his Maiestie hath no other replye in all that mater, but to abide at the trueth first sette doune, and to craue that it may be tryed and repared, and the like to be in all other enormityes committed on eyther hand. The like is to be craued in the iniury done by Henrie Woddrington against the Armestranges, leaste so many wronges, lying ouer vnredressed vpon friuolous allegations, perturbe the quiet estate of both prinees, and so animate the people, that the paines taken in setling the Bordouris beeome vnprofitable.

Touching the pledges at Yorke, it is thought, that the deteyning of them (being miserable soules not hauing to defray the charges contracted by them sinee their lying ther, much lesse to redress the billes for which they lye), is not a fitte meane to obteyne satisfaction for the partys damnifyed; but rather, that the ordour of their keeping shoulde be remitted to the offieers on both handes to putte them in such sure keeping as they may alwise be ready, and, by sueh warding, being at no chardges, may be the more hable to satisfye the losse. And, whereas the present rigour is oceasion of greefe and discontentement to their frendes, and will enforce his Maiestie to eall for the English pledges, which haue bene more curteouslie vsed, so the rigour somewhat remitted by the good discretion of the officers on eyche hand, it cannot but produee goode effectis. And his Maiestie is alwayes disposed to give the people occasion of contentment and to pretermitte no meane that may allure them to continue quietnes: and this to be no wise vrged on the Kingis behalfe, but to be propounded as an expedient, if they like of it.

His Maiestie is informed, that ther is something in doing, touching the landes perteyning to him, lying in Yorkeshire, and that, by the annexing of them with the rest of that Shire to the croune, to putte him in worse case. That ye therfor foresee that he be not hurte, but try what is meant and desire my Lord Treasourer to acquaynt you with the particular of this, and therafter, certifie his Maiestie: for he sent before with Mr. Foules an article, desiring that eyther he might haue his vndoubted right, or else to graunte him proces as a

priuate man, aeeording to the lawes of Englande, wherof hetherto he reeeaued no aunswer.

Wee heare frome Fraunee and Flanders more newes of peaee with Spaine then eomes frome you. I thinke although they will not eraue his Maiesties aduise in that purpose, yet they will not be curious to keepe frome yow that whieh shortlie wilbe manifested to all Europe. Alwise his Maiestie hath willed yow to deale both with the Queine, her Maiestie, and Mr. Seeretarie, to know how farre is proceeded in that matter, and desire that his Maiestie be foreseene, in respeet of the League of amity standing, and her Maiesties louing promeses neuer to doe any thing to his preiudiee, he be not hurte by any suehe agreement, or anye condition therin sette doune, that may in any sorte eoneern him. As to the deteyning of Crawfurde, it eannot be but euery way suspieious to his Maiestie, that, being his subieet, he shoulde be kept, no juste eryme being alleadged against him. And housoeuer she may dispose of her man, Valentine Thomas, for his false ealumnies and treacherous lyes, yet mutuall frendship craues that his Maiesties subieet be returned home to him, to reeeaue at his handes punishment aeeording to his desert. Therfor, in his Maiesties name, ye shall eraue preeiseh̃e, eyther his deliuerie, or else a partieular reason frome the Queene in writing, wherby his Maiestie may be fullie resolued that his kieping shall not be preiudieiall to him.

As to this Tennent, who hath so knauishlie counterfeated his Maiesties Greate Seale and subseription, ye shall receaue him and cause him be caste into the firste shippe coming towardis Seotland, and make him be surehe eonueyed and deliuered to be tryed and punished as his leud behauiour doeth merite.

His Maiestie hath hearde that James Douglas, sometyme of Spotte, his declared traytour, repareth to London, and is reeeaued there, whieh is contrarie to the tenour of the League. Wherfor, it is his Maiesties will, that, on his behalfe, ye desire the saide James to be deliuered in virtue of the League, as a fugitiue rebell to his Maiestie, and declared traytour, who ought not to be reeeaued nor supplyed within the Queene's Dominions, but being founde within the same shoulde be delivered: And, that in this point, ye insiste earefullie, as a point wherwith his Maiestie is diseontented, as against Bothuell or Coluill.

Mr. Dauid ariued the xxv of this instant, and before his eomming, thir pre-

sentes wer in readynes. So, ye shall, by the next be more particularly certyfyed of thingis worthie to be imparted to yow. To the which, remitting farther, my harty commendations remembered, I reste alwayes

Your verie louing frende,

Edinbrough the xxviith of Nouember 1599.

To my verie louing frende Mr. James Simple of Beltrees, attending on his Maiesties affaires at the court of Englande.

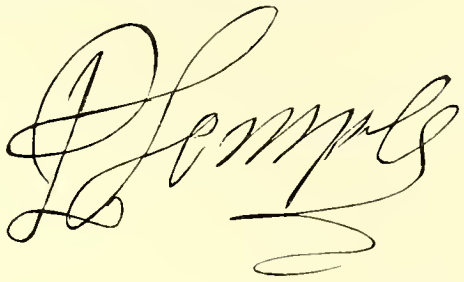
ROBERT FOURTH LORD SEMPLE, to KING JAMES VI., 27th August [1600.]

41. Plies your Maiestie, I haue oftymes gevin your Maiestie generall aduerteismentis of maters I had concerning your Maiestie's persone and state, and now haue I receaved your Maiestie's most gratious lettre, willing me either to come my self, or to impert by the berar, your Maiesties servant, (Beltreis) the particulers of these generals. In the first, I am mynded (by Gods grace) to satisfye your Maiestie at the returne of your Maiesties Embassadour, whome I haue attended and still sall, according to your Maiestie's direction in your lettre, as the berar, and him self, I hope, sall boith witnes. In the other, howsoeuer their opening be daungerous for many respects, (as the berar will shaw your Maiestie), yet hauing boith your Maiestie's warrant to do it, and so saif an occasioun by one whome it hath pleased your Maiestie to grace, and blude binds me to trust, I haue at lenth communicated to him the substance of that whiche I will stand to my self; wherein I pray your Maiestie to vse some deliberatioun, becaus some points will crave at my returne a present resolutioun and dispesche, according to your Maiesties ansuer to me by the berar thereanent at his backcoming. So beseeking your Maiestie most humbly to esteeme of me as one who in his owne mynd hath separated him self from all things saif your Maies-

tie's service, wherevnto a peice of knowledge hath incouraged my affectiouns, if your Maiestie pleas to vs me.

I pray God to establish in dew tyme all those great expectatiouns whiche he hath placed in your Maiestie's persoun, and all the world expecteth.

Your Maiestie's most humble subiect,



Paris the xxvii of August, nouo stylo.

To the King's Maiestie of Scotland.

PEREGRINE LORD WYLLOUGHBY, Governor of Berwick, to KING JAMES VI., 15th June 1599.

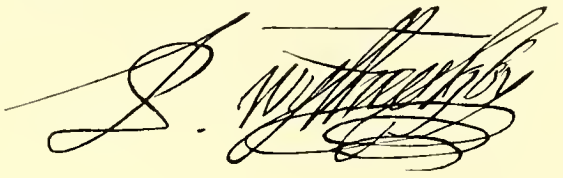
42. Most mightie, most renowned, and most excellent Kinge:

I am chardged with a greuious indignytie donne to your Maiestie, by the violent takinge awaie an Englishe subiecte, lycenced by me to go into Scotlande, and, as it is said, vnder your Maiestie's protection; that likewise he had a letter of myne to one of your pryvie councell in his commendations. To eache of these pointes, with your Maiestie's pardon, I answer trulie and faithfully this: My intendement is fre from the firste; my devoire and dutie bound me to the other; besides the ouerture that his franke accknowledgment of no protection from your Maiestie gaue mee, which he is readie to avowe. For writinge to any councellour of your Maiestie's in his behaulf, I neyther remember nor accknowledg that, but assure myself it is meerlie mystaken. I hoope your Maiestie is perswaded ther must be an co-informer and an accuser of Ashfeilde's proceedingis before I cann take notyce thereof, which I am bound to doe as a publique officer: wherein the value and credite of the person is to

be taken holde of by me, as a subiect and servaunt to her Maiestie. I speake not concerninge any, but onlie to pointe out the truthe, synee many tymes it plcasethe suehe great princes (as both your Maiesties) to make knowne ther pleasures aecordinge to the dependencies of ther neeessarie services, good or euill, vnto ther availe, by suche vndermynisters as they think well of, with vertue and power like themselues. Likewise your Maiestie may please to consider that, havinge heere a publique chardg from her Maiestie, it is included in the same, I should in priuate and perticuler oeeasions serve her, no lesse then in the generall; and it wold be ymputed vnto me for a great necligence and want, yf I should be found slacke in the performance of any such perticularitie as mighte concerne her Maiesties serviee in these partes, being called to accompt. Wher it is alledged he came in with my lycence, it is true; so muche the more it concernes mee, he behaued himself well by my leaue. He gaue his hand and word to retorne within thre daies, promised after verie shortlie to come, writt me lastlie he wold presentlie make his repaire. Aecording to all these, I sent, not violentlie (as is inforced), but quyetlie, neyther with armour, armes, nor ambushmentis; no stirringe, nor emotion in your Maiesties estate, no discontentment to the partie, who aceknowledgeth himself before, then, and synee, verie willing to come. These thingis, I hope, maide known to your Maiestie (as I appeale from yow ill informed to your self well informed,) will fullie settle your iudgment that nothing is further from me then willinglie to preiudiee your highnes. But yf intrusion be tollerated in hostile manner in England, for a cowe, or a sylly beaste, or for recouerie of a lewde fugitive, howe much more may it please your Maiestie to moderate your censure of this being done quietlie and peaceablie, synee it ymportis the honnour, credite, and reputation of myself, and my service to them in deede I am in true dutie bound. Lastlie, whereas your Maiestie desires to be resolued whether it be donne by her Maiestie's warrant or noe, I trulie answer that it was not by any priuate aduise now presentlie geuen me from her Maiestie, but by my publique chardge: according to which I humblie desire your Maiestie to excuse me yf I retorne him not without her Maiesties further pleasure known, which then I shalbe verie willing and readie to doe, as in all other services which doe not concerne her Maiestie and her occasions, for whiche I postpose all perills that are vnder the sunne, or aboue the earthe. And so with all humblenes becomminge me, I leaue your

Maiestie to the protection of the Great God, the Disposer of all princes' hartis.

Your Maiestie's most humble to do yow serviee lewfully,



Barwick, this 15th of June, 99.

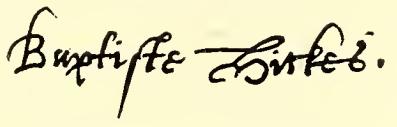
To the Kinges most exeellente Maiestie.

Sir Baptiste Hickes, to King James vi.

London, 1° Marche 1599.

43. May it please your good Maiesty to be advertised that this is the therd tyme that in all humble and dutifull sort I haue addressed my letters vnto yow, wherin I erave your Maiesteis pardone, having heretofore well hoped that the occasion of my present wrytinge vnto your Maiesty would haue bene prevented vpon the reeeyte of your Maiesteis annuety lately here receyved, and haue satisfyed me of that greate debt whieh your servant Robert Jousy hath ought me this long tyme, taken vp for your Maiesteis affayers. But seing I haue had speache with your Maiesteis embasadeur here, who hathe gyven me to vnderstande that your royall pleasure was at this present (vpon vrgent occasions best knowne to him self) to haue this hole receyte eonverted into Scotlande to your Maiesteis vse and that ere yt were longe I should well knowe what a tender eare and good respeekt your Maiesty had toward me (whether your servant, Robart Jousy, did lyve or dye,) to see me satisfyed. I ame well contented, submittinge my self in all humble and dutifull sort vnto your Maiesty, and do exspeet dayly from your Maiesty suehe ordre as shall confirme the woorde gyven me of so honorable a gentleman as your embasadeur is. And so yeldinge my selfe and all in my power to your Maiesteis serviee, I pray God longe to blesse and prousper all your Maiesteis proeeadinges.

Your Maiesteis Servitoure,



To the Kinng his Maiesty.

CHARLES PAGET, third son of the first LORD PAGET, to KING JAMES VI., 25th Mareh 1602.

44. It may please your Maieste,

I reeeaued latly by my Lorde Simple a letter from your Maieste, by the which I do see my selfe settled in your Maieste's fauour, beinge that of all worldlye thinges I most desire, and is most eomfortable to me. Your Maieste may bestowe the same of one that hath better meanes to serue your Maieste then I, in respeet of his suffieieneye or worldly fortune ; but your Maieste ean not giue it to one that loueth your Maieste better then I ; that shalbe more earefull of your weldoinge then I ; or shal be more willinge to employe his life for your Maieste then I ; whieh is all that is left me for this present. For to say truthe, I am not only depriued of all worldly preferment and commoditye, for the seruices I haue done to the Quene's Maieste, your mother, and your self, but also with the lenght of banishment these xx yeares, and extreame trauerses I haue reneountred for your sakes. I am driuen to sueh necessitye and want as I ean searee haue to eate and drinke ; and what with the imagination hereof, and of the triumphe both your Maieste's enemyes and mine will haue of my miseryes, I am brought to great griefe. It is no shame for me to vnfolde mine harde estate vnto your Maieste, and to eraue in most humble maner releafe from your Maieste for the same, sinee my seruiees past and to come haue and may deserue it, my neeessitye requireth it, and your Maieste leaueth not to prouide for such as perhaps be inferiour in desert to me. I desired the Earle of Crayforde to impart thus mueh to your Maieste, with some other thinges eoncerninge your Maieste, and I did thinke ere this he would haue procured your Maieste's good resolution ; but as yet I haue harde nothinge from his Lordship, wherof I meruaill, eonsidering he promised me spedye answere. It woulde ease me of my greafe, and I shoulde thinke my selfe a most happye creature yf it woulde please your Maieste that I might be registred and entertayned for one of your Maieste's houshoulde seruants, ether ther or here, or ells wher your Maieste should thinke my seruiee most proper and gratefull to your Maieste. This is that I most humbly on my knees desire, and withall to knowe your good pleasure herein. And euen so attendinge the same, with all humilitye and

deuotion, I pray God sende your Maieste longe life and all contentment.—Your Maiestie's most obedient and faythfull, most humbly to be commanded,

Charles Paget.

Paris, the 25 of Marche 1602.

To the Kinges Maiestye of Scotlande.

HENRY BROMLEY to KING JAMES VI., 27th March [1603].

45. Your Maiestie, God bee thancked, is proclaymed too bee owre King, and receaued with the gennerall applawse of the people, who doo desier nothing soo mutche as your speadie repayre heather, whear they thincke you showld bee in more saftie then whear you ar. It is nessesarie that you resolue of that cowrse spedelie, too preuent the practices of Frawnce and Spayne : and in the meanetyme too take head how your Maiestie doo inlarge the awtoritie of the late cowncell, least you discontent the rest of the nobillitie that haue stode soo well too you, and wowld bee loth too bee commawnded by any before your cumming.

The principall cawse of my presumsion too wright too your Maiestie is the care of your parsonall saftie, which the night before my cumming from London was aduertised mee by a brother of my owne that ariued from Sir Thomas Parry, her Maiestie's late Imbassodor signifiing that thear was an Italian sent from Spinola, that is eather arriued or too arriue in Scotland from Callis, too attempt sumthing towards your parson. The matter was made knowne to the Lord of Wemmes with purpos too cawshion your Maiestie ; but for that I doo not know whether your Maiestie haue hard from him or no I cowld doo no less then thus too doo, with owt breatche of my loyaltie, which your Maiestie shall finde too continue in mee whilst I haue breath.

The man cummeth from Brussells from the Arche Ducke, and suborned by Gaston de Spinola : his name is Nicolas Scorza, an Italian. I trust too kis your Maiestie's handes within 8 or 9 dayes, and too acquaynt you with better newse. In the meanetyme I shall not ceas too pray too God for your Maiestie

too sende you a longe and happie raygne ouer vs. Huntington, this 27 of Marche, by your Maiesties most vmble and faythfull saruant and subiect,

HENRY BROMLEY.

Thear cummeth in my cumpanie your Maieste's vittaler of Barwieke clarke and controwler of your howshowlde in England, whom you shall finde a fayth-full seruant, and cummeth downe too know your pleasure for preparacion thear. The berer is his saruant, and it may bee your Maiestie will thincke fitt hee showld attend you at Edenbrogh.

Too the King's most excellent Maiestie, my dred Sophrayne : hast.

The ARCHBISHOPS of SAINT ANDREWS and GLASGOW to KING JAMES VI., 28th June 1611.

46. Most Gratious Souerane : Lykas your Maiestie hath broght the reparatioun of our deeayed estate to sume good perfeetioun, against the will and desyr of many of best eredit, so we find that those who withstud the procreatioun of this your Maiestie's birth ar now no les solist to smother the same in hir verie infancie : And, amongst the rest of thair forgeries, we are informed that informatioun is mad to your Maiestie of ane Schisme amongs the prelatis, namly, amongs ws two, whairby the honour of our plaee is stained, and your Maiestie's service hindered. We have, thairfor, taken boldnes be thir presents to mak significatioun to your Maiestie, in all sinceritie and wprightnes of heart, that the plane contrarie is trew ; to wit, that thair is betuixt ws two, that vnitie not only of judgment, bot of hartlie affectioun and wnfainned loue that is betuixt any brethren in the world ; and that we go one way both to eoncur eache with vther, not only in all publik actiouns belongand to the serviee of God, and of your Maiestie, bot also in all our privat affairis we have that mutuall sympathie of eontentment or griefe as memberis of one body : And so sall contiuow, be the graee of god, for better enhabling ws to serve God and your Maiestie. The Diuill sal be disappointed, and this your Maiestie's work, so honorable befor god and men, sall never reccave blot ather be our inherent im-

perfectiouns, or be any distractioun of mynd whatsumever. We hope in God, to whose blissed mantenance and protectioun we hartelie, in our prayeris now, as at all tyme, recommend your Maiestie's royall person and estat for ever.

Your Maiestie's most humble servandis and deuoted oratoris,

SANCT ANDROIS.
GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, 28 Junj 1611.

To his most excellent Maiestie.

MR. GEORGE GLADSTANES, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to SIR JAMES SEMPILL of Beltries, Knight, 27th April 1612.

47. Sir, please receaue ane lettre directed to the Kingis Maiestie, with ane vther lettre directed from my lord chancellour to me, for clearing of his lordship anent the imputatioun of the crucifix vpon his dask, which please present to his Maiestie: and efter his Maiestie hath considered thame, I requeist yow that they may be sent bak agane to me in paket, for so hath his gracious Maiestie vsed me hitherto. Thair is also ane vther lettre from the bischope of Murray. Sir, I thank yow most hartelie for expeding my affairis sent bak be Mr. Josue Durie both spedelie and weill; and for imparting to me sueh guid newes as hath maid ws all to reioyce. The rest I refer to new occasioun; and, efter my most loving and affectionat salutatiouns, wysshe to yow all weilfar and prosperitie in Christ; and I remane,

Yowr loving and kyndlie brother,

Sinn Sandrovs

St. Androis, 27 April, 1612.

To the rycht worschipfull, Sir James Sempill of Beltries, Knycht.

JOHN SPOTTISWOOD, Archbishop of Glasgow, to SIR JAMES SEMPLE of Beltrees, Gentleman Usher of His Majesty's Privy Chamber, 13th May 1612.

48. Sir: After my last pacquet vnto zow, I went to our synode at Peblis, qhair al thingis went weil, and with suche respect of the ministeris to my self as I fand tham in heart contentit with our formis qhiche, at the first, seemit vncouthe to tham. From that to Dumfreise and Newabbay, qhair I stayit sum eight dayis because of the late Lord Maxwelis return; for I saw the countrey desyr that I suld stay, and it wes to som gud. I wrote of his being in those partis to my Lord of Rochester; qhether his lordship resavit my letter or not, I pray zow advertise.

The papists thair remufit thamselfis and thair families before my cumming, as resolvit to find no more harbour thair. Sum of those qhose lyverentis wer declarit to be in his Maiestie's handis haif offerit to reconcile thamselfis with the churche. I wold pray zow remember the signatour thairof, that I may haif in this sessioun declaratour thairvpon. I wil vse it only for thair reclayming. If yai be wilful, I haif said to tham thair rentis must helpe to buyld that ruynouse churche: and this thai look for.

I kepte courte to vnderstand the rent of the benefice, qhilk I haif learnit wil not exceed fyve hundreth lib. Scotis: thairvpon I haif fyve churches to furnische with ministeris. The teindis ar al in tak; and tho' I draw tham in questioun, it wil be muche to me to get stipendis competent to the churchis; for I cannot vse any man rigorously. Thairfore I trust his Maiestie wil not deny the signatour of Kirkpatrik, qhilk ar landis of the Abbay, and no part of Maxwelis old leving, but incroacht vpon in trublesom tymis be vertew of his balzerie. It payis fiftie merkis or thair about to the abby. The tennentis ar rentallit for thair lyftymis, and qhom to can this be proper if not to the abbot superior yairof? If his Maiestie be plesit to grant this, I hope to mak in litle tym a reasonable living thair; and sal, if it pleise God, be his Hienes' favour, haif ane Bishchoprik erectit thairof, to tak the charge of those remote partis, qhilk wil be to the advantage of his Maiestie's service, and the grit releif of my successoris, qho wil never tak the painis that I haif takin amongest tham: and if it had not ben to approve the service, for no earthly gud culd I haif vndergone

the eharge and truble of thir zeiris past, even in thos partis. At my return to Glasgo, I resavit one of zour pacquetis, and another this day, being heir at Edinburgh, sent for to eounsal be the chaneellor: thairin ze schew me that his Maiestie wonderis I suld have gainsayit the ratis qhiche onee I signed, and that I suld not concurre with the ehaneellor in the serviee [be]twieht the commissioneris of the burrowis. And in the last ze requyre qhat way I mean to inerease the eustomis be that 20 thowsand qhairof I wrote. To the first, it semis ze answerit for me, that in setting down the ratis, my advyse euld haif no plaee, and I went with tham, since I culd no better that had the eredit thairof. To the other, of coneurring, I wes never requyrit; nor qhil I vrgit at dyverse tymis to haif tham satisfieit, that thay suld not importun his Maiestie, euld I be heard; and qhen I tuke the advoeat with me to assist, he knowis qhat answeris I had. I wes gone home qhen those communingis wer for mending the ratis, and never advertisit qhat thai wer doing. His Maiestie's serviee hes ben more deir to me, in so far as I euld advanee it, then ether health or lyf; and if I thoeht his Maiestie consavit in heart I wer a lyer baek, and wold not eoneurre with any, lat be the ehancellor that is in eheif plaee, I suld not desyre to live more. But my doingis haif refutit al suehe calumnies. If thai inform that I ly baek vpon humiliatioun, thai do me wronge. I assure zow, as the apostle spak of his affeetioun to the gospel, modo predieetur Christus, so if his Maiestie's benefit be made, or his hienes' plesure done in any thing, it is to me ful eontentment, qhosoever worke it. And this, I tak God to witnesse, is my affeetioun in al his Maiestie's effairis. I eonfesse his proeedingis haif not eontentit me, and I haif no way liked his maner of doing in this busines, beeause I thoeht it wes not for the gude of the Kinge; and in sum thingis qhairof I wrote vnto zow anent Carstaris and our kirk of Glasgo, qhairin also I expeet zour answer, he so wronged me that a man wold haif lost patienee; zit, exeept to my lord of Medope and zow, I never revelit my passionis. I wrote for him to St. Androwis, gaif him self the letter vnclosed. The Bischop, in his folly I may say it, vrgit that mater so, that gif I suld tel zow the form as it is sehewit me, ze wald not ken qhether to laughe or be angry: and al is eomplenit be the ehaneellar to som of his freindis, to be done be my eonsent and knowledge. So do qhat I wil, he stil bearis thir suspieionis against me; zit I beseehe zow, assure his Maiestie of al gud and respeetful dewtie on my parte, for his plaee' sake, and for the serviee.

Only let it not be belevit that I wil detrect or ly back from his Hienis' service, for any cause that can occurre, how longe I haif breath.

I hear thai gif out that my opinioun is thai suld be fermit, I mean the customis, to thair burrowis, and put to ane rate vnalterable; qhairas I never dreamit suche mater: and if I had, I mycht be damned justly ather of folly or il affectioun. My mynd wes that the burrowis suld haif suche ease in the ratis as mycht be grantit tham without preiudice of his Maiestie's profet; and that only to obtein tham as thai had offerit sure in al his Maiestie's griter servicis, this wes al my ayme, but I wes never so foolische as to wische his Maiestie's customis put in thair handis, or in any manis, after ane vnchangeable rate.

Now, qhair ze aske how I sal increase the customis, qhether be keeping the ratis at the highest, as thai ar complaynit of, or otherwyse, I answer, let the ratis be agreit vpon as thai may be, howevir it be not at the highest, but at the lowest, I wil vndertak the increase offerit. But it is not a purpose to be divulgit except men wold haif it vndone. Qhen I rasit first the customis to thretty fyve thousand merkis more than thai payit before, I wes often askit how, and be qhom? then I excusit my self to the erle of Dumbar fra qhom I wold hardly concealit any thing. I wold not vtter the men nor the purpose til al wes made sure. His Maiestie thocht the busines wel caryit. In this last sett, qhen the blankis of the contract wer to be fillit, the chancellar and thai al wold ben content with ane hundreth fourtein thowsand lib.: I refusit to subscryve excepte sex thowsand more wer ekit; and thai al can witnesse I did this, and that it wes agreit vpon my insisting it suld be so. I haif done alsmuche in every thing, as I said, hitherto, for his Maiestie's service: I wil be lothe to say and not perform. Let the burrowis and the customeris agre as thai please vpon the ratis, the wyn standing, as the custom thairof is not impugnit, I wil mak my word gud. The questioun wilbe of the tak that is set, how it salbe broken: but that is easyly solved be any man in place and credit, qho wil find a thowsand occasiounis, without his Maiesties twiche, or zit the empeachment of his own credit, to do it. If the waris wer to stand at ye highest rate, I am of opinioun the customis suld gif muche more than I speak of; and thairfore it wold be indevored to haif alsmuche kept as is possible. Only this my care, that qhatevir be done, be with the consentis of the people, so far as may be; and thocht al cannot be pleasit, that a qhole state be not dis-

contentit; specially qhair alse gud may otherwyse be had. And so I think ze vnderstand me at full.

For the bischoprik of Galloway, I am wel pleasit with his Maiestie's gratiouse favoris to the wyf and children of the deceasit. If Mr. William Cowper do accept it, I rest, for dyverse thingis I consider it may work to the advantage of the service. But that thai suld be ony so impudent as to questioun Master Andro Boydis fitnes, I suld wonder, if any thing wer to be wondred of menis malice in thir last tymis. Qhat wil thai say makis men fit? learning, guid maneris, prudence, gud report, estimatioun, frendschip, for even that is not to be contemned, Mr. Boyd is, without comparison, beyond ony that is named: and Mr. Cowper in this only to be thocht of above him, yat he hes ben puritanly affectit, qhiche the other wes never. If my opinioun had ben resavit, I wold haif answerit for the choyse, and I hafe most interesse for any bischop, because it is within my provincc. But it is more then reason that al opinionis gif place to his Maiestie's gud pleasure.

I pray zow remember my letter for our kirk and the supplie thairof. I hope his Maiestie wil credit me in that, and more, that nothing salbe desyrit before his Hienes' detts salbe payit. But the accepting of the warrand wil gif ws til afterwardis credit for our busines. And it makis no litle to the futherance of my service to se that enemyis prevayle not so far as thai boast. Mr. Josua Dury cam home with newis that Glasgowis courte wes gone, and that he heard Fenton say I wes a false knave. But be his leave, I am ane honest man; and if I culd beleve he spak it as St. Androwis is the reporter, I wald tak suche revenge of him as Kinge Henry the Eight did of the smyth of Aytoun. If ze haif not heard the story, let it byd as a mistery; but in effect, I wold turn tham homewardis.

I am straitit presently with Abircornis baptism, qhiche is on Sonday, and may not slip it, thairfore til better occasioun, I pray zow remember my service to my lordis of Canterbury and Rochester, and excuse my silence, qhiche is recompensit with ane intire affectioun.

I rest zouris at power,

GLASGOW.

Edinburgh, the fyftent of May, 1612.

Mr. Byrnie hes ben siek stil this qhil, so as I haif not resavit his answer eoncerning Air. The lait minister Dumbar, and sum for him, importunis me to seik favour to him. Thai offer al assuranee for gud behaviour in tym eumming, and eatioun vnder grit sowmis. I haif oft answerit that his Maiestie wil not only haif surty for the tym to eom, but aeknowledgment also of ane fault and pardon eravit. This is exeusit to be done, for the disgraee of his ministrie—the old pretexte of that sorte. I haif ehydit with tham and him for this pointe. In end thai wold haif me, be thair importunitie, to wryt in his favour. I wisehe ze suld draw a letter deelaring that his Maiestie had resavit my request for Dumbar, and wold not be eontentit to gif him any favour without eonfessioun and aeknowlegment of his errouris. And eommand me to proeed anent Mr. Byrnie his plaeing, for qhiehe a letter to the town wilbe most neeessar: for if his Maiestie may be intreated to suffer Dumbaris return, as he is a poore body, hafing a wyf and sevin ehildren, it wold be to serve as a seeond minister only. But I dar advyse nothing in the busines. Only I wisehe his Maiestie suld fre me of thair importuniteis and otheris' maliee, be a simple deelaratioun of his Hienes' own plesure in that partieular. I pray zow eonferre with the bisehop of Bathe anent the gift of the deanrie of the ehappel, and let me haif it, with the priviledgis thairof, his maner of resaving, and ordour that is fittest to be takin thairanent.

James Stewart, our balze of Glasgo, can haif no order for his munitioun, and willit me to remember it. The ehaneellour assuris him thair wilbe no money: I wonder of it, and mervelis that suehe waris suld not be boeht, sinee it is alse gud as any money to a prinee. The honest man wilbe eontent to delay the payment thairof for a tym also, for so I haif travellit with him. If nothing ean be done, his Maiestie wold favour him with a transport, for I haif put him of, now two yearis almost.

After the term ze may expeet zour wyf and Sir George, for I am busie with tham. But he is sweir, and we al long to hear sum eourse takin for zour releif.

St. Androwis is lukit for this nyte weke. If he eum, at my return hither, we sal wryt for that of Gordoun.

I pray zow remember James Stewartis gunis, for he belevis I forzit him. The King's Maiestie thoeht that Burley and I suld pryee tham, and he suld be

payit be Burly out of his money that he gat in the west. But our folkis ean allow no money but for tham selfis and thairis.

To my honourabill good freind, Sir James Semple,
Gentleman Vsher of His Maiestie's privie ehalmer.

The Scotch Archbishops* and Bishops to King James vi. of Seotland and i. of England, 25th Oetober 1612.

49. Most Graciouse Soveraigne: Since be the blessing of Almychtie God, and zour Maiestie's prinely governanee, we haif now obtenit ane ful establischment of the ehurehe diseiplin, dutie requyris that we suld aeknowledge it with al thankfulnes, and mak offer of our best servicis in regard of this great benefit done vnto the churche. For exeept zour Maiestie had otherwyse provydit, the eonfusionis growne amongest ws had not faylit to haif overthrowen the professioun of the gospel in this land. And that we ar now setled in a comly and decent ordour, it is zour Maiestie's only worke and due praise. This, Sir, wes one of the prineipal thingis zour Maiestie intendit in this parliament, qhiehe, thankis to God, is happely done. Our eare for the rest of the pointis wes no lesse, as zour Maiestie, we know, hes vnderstand before this tym. But qhether the invy born at ws (qhom thai saw ernest in the busines), born at ws we say, without cause, be sum personis in the state, or a pryd that possessis sum qho wold haif zour Maiestie think that nothing ean tak effect qhairvnto thai oppose: qhiehe of thir two, or if bothe, haif ben the eause, we know not, but so it is, in the matter of subsidie, thai kythit so wilful and opposit, as it wes a labour of muehe busines to haif any reasonable aide condiseendit vnto. For qhen be the helpe of the seeretarie, and voyeis of the burrowis, we haid agreit in artieles vpon sex hundreth thowsand merkis, (a sowm that for so honorable a eause the eountrey might wel haif sustenit, and so it is aeknowledgit be al indifferent men,) thai vsit al meanis to imped the passing of the sam in the vtter house. Thair servantis did runne amongest the burrowis to disswade tham, and so devyd thair voyeis. Sum lordis and erlis wer sent for to inerease thair number. Informa-

* The text of this letter is holograph of Spottiswoode.

tionis wer maid that it wes not zour Maiestie's plesure that any more suld be exactit then ten thowsand lib. sterling, and if any more wes thocht, it wes be the secretarie his instigatioun of zour Maiestie, and our joyning with him to mak zour Maiestie benefit with the losse of the contrey: and nothing wes left vndone that possibly thai culd, in the contrair. Zit many of thir thingis not succeding, it cam in end to this, that thai wold not proceed any more, nor ryd again in parliament, til zour Maiestie's declaratioun suld be had thairanent be sum qhom thai wold haif sent from the qhole estaitis. In this we forsaw the scandale of the state, the il example that might be gifin to our neighboris, and we fearit zour Maiestie suld not be contentit with those formis. Also sum of the baronis qho wer before joynit with tham, travellit that this suld not be, and wer ernest to haif materis otherwyse composit. Thay offerit to agre with ws vpon four hundreth thowsand merkis, qhairvnto, that we suld not be thocht wilful, efter muche ado we agreit: and zit that culd not satisfie the otheris nether. Thay wald mak the subsidie fourtie thowsand merkis lower, and, we think, haif maid it nothing, if it had ben in thair power so to do. Sire, it wondrit ws muche to se men so infinitly beholden to zour Maiestie (of qhom some, within thir few zeiris, had resavit more at one gift then the grittest qhiche wes desyrit,) labour so incessantly in the contrair. Vpon qhat confidence this is done on thair partis, we cannot gesse. But sure it is a matter of il example, and if we fearit not griter after this, we suld not once haif mentioned it, being content to approve our selfis to zour Maiestie in our servicis, thocht no otheris fel vnder reproof. Only this we may say, that had the placis of service ben fillit as zour Maiestie directit, our difficulties had ben the fewer. We had assurit the peple of zour Maiestie's favour and clemency to tham in the penal statutis; and finding thair thankfulnis in suche measure as we culd not desyr it to be griter, that our credit suld not be perrellit with tham, we dealt ernestly with the Secretary for the discharge thairof, and procedit be his lordship's consent thairin. In qhiche point we most humbly beseche zour Maiestie's approbatioun. Our comfort hes ben al this tym that we wer contending for no privat cause, that none haif ben our constant opposeris but suche as we knew of before to be so; that thocht dyverse noblemen wer absent be seiknes, that wold ben lothe to haif takin that course, thai that wer present haif not prevaylit altogither, but most of al, that we haif

striven for zour Maiestie, qho is wyse to discern of every manis procedingis as thai ar in truth. Our article anent personis divorcit for adulterie, wes cast in the articles be thair voyeis: the other of provyding the erectit churchis, and that of the persute of the divorcementis before the bischop of every dyocie and his commissar, we forbare to propon in regard of thair dispositionis. Only the annexing of the Abbacies of Tungland, Glenluce and Qhthorn to the Bischoprik of Galloway, hes passit to our contentment. In that particular, because sir Robert Gordoun, zour Maiestie's servant makis clame to Glenluce, and in this late vacancie of the benefice hes intrudit himself in the possessioun, we wil humbly intreat zour Maiestie's letter for discharging him to molest the bischop in that part of his leving.

Lykwyse, that it may pleise zour Maiestie to wryt to the Master of Tullybardin, that he do not truble the bischop of Dunkeld in the possessioun of the dean of Dunkeldis house, qhiche he acquyrit the last zeir, vpon zour Maiestie's command, to the lord of Blantyr, and that the said master of Tullybardin delyver to the bischop al suche writts and evidentis as he hes in his hand belonging to the said churche of Dunkeld.

For the bischop of Dumblain, we ar in lyk maner to mean vnto zour Maiestie his hard estait, that the sam may be suppleit qhen any gud occasioun offeris, without zour Maiestie's losse.

Lastly, for the Marquis of Huntly, since we ar informit be dyverse of the ministrie that thair is nothing les intendit be him then the satisfactioun of the kirk, and that his offeris maid to the bischopis of Murray and Brichen, and promisis to satisfie in al pointis howsone he suld haif the honour to se zour Maiestie, ar only maid to gain tym. We humbly intreat zour Maiestie to command a present satisfactioun, or then his departure from out of the realm. And now, after our most humble thankis to zour Maiestie for the favour kythed to the bischop of Brichen in the reparing of the iniurie done vnto him, and our ernest prayeris to almychtie God for zour Maiestie's continual preservatioun, we remain

Zour Maiestie's most humble subiectis and servantis,

Sam Glasgow: Dunkeld. Galloway Dumblanen Aberdeen

Edinburgh, the 25 October 1612.

JOHN SPOTTISWOOD, Archbishop of Glasgow, to KING JAMES VI.,
6th May 1613.

50. Most Graciouse Soveraigne: Zour Maiestie hes vnderstand that, vpon zour hienes' letteris directit to the counsale, for Sir Alexander Seytoun and his assumed titles of Eglintoun, he is ordanit to be citit to the nexte day of counsel, qhiche kepis the 16 of May. It wil appeir then qhat thai intend for zour Maiestie's satisfactioun. Now thai haif agreit the said Sir Alexander and Glencarn, at qhiche thai say dyverse of the noblemen then in Edinburgh war present, and sum of the specialis, notwithstanding of zour Maiestie's letter red in thair hearing, wer so curiouse in thair curtesies as thai wold prese him to tak the place of tham, for qhiche at other tymis thai mak sturris even with his betteris. They ar at point also, as is said, with the Lord Lowdoun and his ant, the lady Eglintoun, in thair questiounis, and so strenthned sufficiently for rychtis bothe of livinge and honour. Zour Maiestie consideris the course better then I can schew it. In the opinioun of many heir, it smellis of pryd and factioun. Sir, I envy not the gentleman the honour, nether haif I any reason but to wische him wel; but I love not to live and sie matteris born out against zour Maiestie's expressed mynd and pleasure. If he sal defend him self be his great seal, at his apperance before counsal, he gifis zour Maiestie gud ground against tham that mak erlis without your Hienes' consent; and, if thai wil not mend it to your Hienes' contentment, your Maiestie is wyse to provyd remeid.

Sire, it repentis no man heir of the coursis takin in parliament: thay mak it thair glorie, and ar diligent to mak tham selfis stronge in the lyk. It suld thairfore helpe zour Maiestie's effairis greatly that the cheif placis in the offices wer filled; and if my Lord of Rochester wold resolve that way at the present as I presumed often to speak, qhen I wes last at zour Maiestie's courte, in my poore opinioun it suld do gud. But if he sal stil excuse him self, and zour Maiestie find it not expedient to command him to accepte, sum other mean wold be thocht of for the help of effairis heir. In this I haif written sumqhat to my Lord of Canterbury, with qhom I haif ben earnest at som tymis for the sam matteris; and I trust zour Maiestie wil allow my choyse for ane

effair of suche consequence, considering his affectioun to zour Maiestie, this kingdom, and his wisdom and secrecie otherwyse. Sire, if course sal not be taken spedyly in this, and for eking sum mo to the counsel that ar zour Maiestie's own, and wil not be misled, I fear many be discouraged that we had rightly set for purposis. The erle of Cassils, not only for the schirefschips offeris him self ready to work thair disanulling, and gif the example him self in that qhiche is his heritable, but lykwyse affirmis to me that he will concurre at his vttermost against the erectiounis, as being most hurtful to the croun, the churche, and qhole estate. I answerit him sparingly in this, and said I fearit the il wes so common as it culd not be remedyit. Sire, I remember this, that zour Maiestie may know, if men had place that wer rychtly disposed, it wer easie, vnder the schadow of zour Hienes' authoritie, in this happie tym, to do the gud for qhiche afterwardis it may be wel doubted if thair sal ever offer any occasioun, or zit be a possibilitie of doing it.

That I be not more tediouse to zour Maiestie, the term of Sir Robert Maxwelis payment, zour Maiestie's servant, is this Witsontyde, for qhiche he hes remembrit me to speik. I gaif him my band, at the resignatioun of New-abbay, for ane securitie; but it is zour Maiestie's liberalitie that must releif me; and, with Godis helpe, I sal nevir pruif vnworthie of zour Maiestie's favor, at least in this far, that mynd, and sprit, and body, and al that is in me, salbe strayned at thair vtmost to serve zour Maiestie in every thing that I know may be acceptable, tho' with the losse of lyf it self, and the hatred of al men living. God I humbly beseche to preserve zour Maiestie vnto ws for many, many zeiris. Amen.

Zour Maiestie's humbly devoted servant,

GLASGOW.

Glasgow, 6 May 1613.

JOHN SPOTTISWOOD, Archbishop of Glasgow, to SIR JAMES SEMPLE of Beltrees, 6th May 1613.

51. Sir,—I resavit advertisment from Sir Robert Maxwel to provyd his money, I mean the twelf thousand merkis Scottis, qhiche wes promisit him at his re-

signatioun of Newabbay—for qhiche ze remember I gaif him my band to this Whitsonday, because he wold haif that securitie, besydis his Maiestie's promise. I wil pray zow tak the panis, at sum gud tym, to signifie so muche to his Maiestie, and let me know qhat I may expect for my releif at this tym ; for I fear he strait me vpon my band with payment. I haif written heiranent to his Maiestie's self, but ze must return me sum answer, else the sam may be forgotten. If this money culd be had thair, out of the exchequer, it were surer for the gentleman ; or if that be not thocht expedient, his Maiestie may be plesit to gif a precept to pay the sam out of the first of this zeiris taxatioun, and so he myght haif his payment before Martimes nexte. Except the one or other of thir coursis, I know not a thrid, the ordinary revenewis of this kingdom being al destinat otherwyse, and for other personis. It concernis me and my credit, alsmuche as any thing can do, that this be releifit in tym : for if thair fal any questioun between the gentleman and me for the payment of that sowm, thay ar heir that wil vse it at al advantage, and my burthen is suche otherwyse, as it passis my abilitie to gif him satisfactioun. Leaving that to zour care, qhairin I trust ze wil not be negligent. It is longe since I did wryte to zow any thing twiching state matteris, as loathe to be a medler qhair necessitie foreed not. Matteris heir haif now suche course as, I assure zow, the busines publick standis in danger to be forsaken of tham that ar best affeetit, because thai ar not stronge ynoughe to bear out the sam against the opposeris. The remeid was forsen, that my lord of Rochester suld tak vpon him the place qhiehe the Erle of Dumbar had in his tym, and a number mycht be addit to the counsel for bearing furth his Maiestie's service be voycis thair, qhiche now is kept baek in every thing that men dislykis. The first we expectit before this tym : for the second, I wes willit to leave with my lord a memorial, and tho' the sam hes ben rememberit, I think nothing is done. Qhat resolutioun is for that other, I wold be glaid to vnderstand. If his lordship continew vnresolvit, and lyk not to accept the burthen, it restis that the place or places be fillit otherwyse : for til that be done, and men set in rowmis of credit that wil stand for his Maiestie's effairis, thair wil be nothing heir but vnprofitable stryvinge, and in that eace, I sal not fear to advyse that Sir Gedeon wer maid Controller, sum wel affectit nobleman, or one of our state, Thesaurar, and another Collector. This may be thocht to be hurtful, and bring

expensis vpon his Maiestie, qhiche the vniting of these offices, it wes supposit, suld stay. But that is not; the very sam allowance standing to al the offices that afore, and not a penny diminischet in chargis: and sen that is, the divi sioun of the offices is in mony respectis more profitable. First, it makis the discharge thairof the more easie to tham that haif the sam, and effairis to be done with griter diligence and care; and nixte, the mo that ar in office and credit, qhiche only his Maiestie's service gifis in the state, the oppositioun that is maid is the lesse and the weaker. Ze may consaif qhat I mean. I do not forget qhat ze once wrote, that offered service smellis not wel; but qhat sal a man do that is in effairis, and findis the sam can not be sustenit nor effectit according to his mynd that only suld muif and direct al, if not insinuat modestly the mean how the sam salbe redressit and maid sure. I suld wische zow to conferre of this with my Lord of Canterbury, and if his grace find it convenient to deal in our matteris, or to muif his Maiestie in tham, that he wil then be plesit to delyver this letter to his Maiestie, and tak occasioun thairby to vnderstand his Hienes' mynd and gud plesure thairanent: for the occasioun not only requyris, but seems to enforce, a present placing of sum in charge, with power and credit to support thingis that ar lyk to miscary be the meanis of these that suld helpe, but inded marris al. Thir thingis wold not be knowen to any. For my self, God is witnesse I desyr nothing but his Maiestie's plesure to be done, qhiche is the best bothe for churche and countrey; and him servit with instrumentis that ar of the sam mynd his Maiestie's self hes. Zour newis of Sir Thomas Overbury hes plesit mony heir, because thai thocht my Lord Rochester twiched in tham. We salbe glaid to vnderstand the occasioun, and to know that his lordship is in suche grace stil as we hope he sal merit be his faythful and affectionat service to our Soveraigne, qhom God preserve! I remember my commendationis to zour Lady, zourself, and al zouris, and restis,

Zour assurit to command,

GLASGOW.

Glasgo, the 6 of May 1613.

MR. GEORGE GLADSTANES, Arehbishop of St. Andrews, to KING JAMES VI., 28th May 1613.

52. Pleas your Maiestie,—I am bold to impart to your Maiestie the diseouerye of some masses said and heard here in this brugh, in Leith, and other plaees, by the meanes of one James Stueart, alias James of Jerusalem, who by his vnnaturall and eruel misvsing and striking of his wyf, a good gentlewoman, weill reported of of all men, enforeed her to eomplene to her cheif the lord Oehiltrie, (for she is laufull daughter to Robert Stueart his vnele,) and by that oecasion began to reueile somewhat to his lordship that God had iustlie punished her by his outrage and eruelty, beeause she had made shipwrak of her eonseience, in abiuring her religion, hearing of masses, and reeeauing the eommunion from preists, namely, from Mr. Patrik Anderson and Mr. Andro Creyghton. My Lord directed her to Mr. Peter Ewat that he myght take panes for taking ordre with her husband, to whome she wes also plane. Vpon the whiehe her husband wes eharged before the session of the ehurehe of Edinburgh; and eompering there, behaued him self and spake so suspieiously that, at the desire of the ministers, the ballies did putt him in strait ward, whill I, and the remnant lords of your Maiestie's hygh eommission, (sinee it wes a mater of heresie,) shuld take ordre with him. Vpon the whiehe, within two or three dayes, I assembled so many of that judieatory as I myght haue. God made it to fall out happelie that the ehaneellour wes not in the toun; and then, being assisted with the balliues iudiciallie, I trauelled, and with me your Maiestie's aduoeat, to try him by all meanes, vpon the dilationes of his foresaid erimes, but he behaued him self very mishantlie, and his very denials, and the forme of his answers, made an impression of his guyltines in the mynds of all his hearers.

One thing there wes that I must aduerteis your Maiestie, that whill I am trying him, to terrifye him, I desired of him a bond that, if it were that he were guyltie of masse hearing, and receatting of jesuits, in that eace he shuld passe from emploring of your Maiestie's elemeney, and shuld neuer erave remission for the same. The spaee of an hour I wes vpon this subiect, and euld neuer induce him to grant to that, whill insisting in this generall, that it were no dannger to him to passe from your Maiestie's merey and elemeney if he were

innoeent, albeit none of ws euld renunee your Maiestie's fauour and grace in generall; and for example's sake (I sayd), will ye noeht passe from the King's elemeney and graee if I were aeeusing yow of the powder treason? At this speeehe he wes so astonished that he euld give no perfite answer, and faltered so in his speeehe, that all that sawe wondered. Then it eame in my mynd, that I had heard that this Mr. Patrik Anderson wes one thought to be partaker of that deuilish treason; and therefore I said, "Weill, sir, I pereeiue that God will try yow, not onely to be an idolatour, but also a fals periured traytour, for ye elear not your self so planely and hartelie of that treason as an innoeent man would doe, and shuld doe:" and so, for auoyding of that suspicion, he granted to that forme of bond that is eonteyned in his depositions herewith sent. So after long examination, we remove him to the yaird, (for we satt in the lowe eounsalhous,) thinking that he euld not escape, all the dures being elose, and tooke in his wyff and tried her. Her deposition is long, as your Maiestie maie sie; and therafter spak with some mo; and in the meanetime sent all the four balliues who were with ws, thrugh the toun to apprehend the persones dilated in the depositions.

At this time there are wryghts working at the dore of the yaird that passes to the ehureheyarde, and the workmen being ignorant, suffre him to go thrugh. We knewe neuer of his flyght whill six a clok; he hauing escaped at half an hour after thre. Vpon the whiehe I desired some of the counsall (who were assembled in the middle tolbuith for taking ordre of a ehalenge of a single eombat, betuene the Lords of Skone and Burleygh, for the whiehe the lord of Burley is warded in the Castell of Edinburgh) to come to ws; and there no more wes done. But he wes charged to eompeir before the Counsall yesterdaie, and for his not comperanee is ordeined to be denunced to the horne. He wes mett on Tuesdaie last, at Linton bridges, in the morning. He hes gret summes of money with him, (as is supposed,) and hes left his poore wyf and child in extreame pouerty. I darr not vse any exact tryall or diligence as I would, least I shuld encrease the chaneellor's jalousies. Your Maiestie, by this that I haue wrettin, and the depositions, out of incomparable wisdome and prouidenee, will giue suehe ordre in your Maiestie's dominions, as to cause searche [for] him; for we all think he can tell strange tales. The gaird is busie seeking others; for I darr not employe any but the seeretary, the aduoeat, and the thesorer depute. At all thir masses there is a woman delated, ealled Margret

Hammilton (who wes euer deamed by the ministers of Edinburgh, and all good folks, to be a common receiuer of all jesuits, preists, and excommunicat papists); when I sent James Nesbit, the ballie, for her, she fledd (as I am enformed) to my lady Lynlythgow's chamber: vpon the whiehe the honest ballie followed in to the Erl of Lynlythgow's lodging, but wes stopped from entring in to the chamber to apprehend the woman. Sir, I must saie this of conscience and of knowledge, that your Maiestie hes none more faythfull servants and subiects in the world then the honest men of the brugh of Edinburgh, of all ranks: for I find in experience, they loue whome your Maiestie loues, and they hate those whome they think worthie of your Maiestie's hatred. As for me, I haue suche proof of their loue and regaird, as I must humblie begg of your Maiestie a lettre to declare your Maiestie's acceptance of their kyndlie and respectiue behauiour towards me.

We seereatlie gaue direction to the ballies to pas to this Margret Hammilton's hous in the nyght to apprehend her; but they gott sure information that she wes passed out of the toun to Niddrie ad patrissantem dominam. It were mete that your Maiestie layd the presenting of her vpon some of that society.

I receiued this information from Mr. Johne Hall, that one Andro Yong, seruand to the chancellour, being suspect to be a preist, the said Mr. Johne past to the chancellour and shew him that so it wes suspeeted, and desired him to take ordre therewith. Vpon the whiche his lordship caused this Andro Yong to marie this Margret Hammilton, that by mariage the suspition of his preisthode may be removed; and the same man is delated to haue bene present at all thir masses. Thus that remedy is ineffectuall.

Pleas your Maiestie, to move the poore gentlewoman to depone the more freely, I haue made half a promeis to her that she and her ehylde shall haue the benefite of his escheat from your Maiestie; and therefore I most humblie entreat your Maiestie that direction be gevin to giue that escheat for her behoof and her childe—for he hes left them nothing—and that my Lord Ochiltrie, or the Maister, or some other of her freends, maie be putt in tytle of the same, if she abide constant; and that will encurage others also to doe the like, when I shall emploie them, for your Maiestie's seruiee.

I dealt with your Maiestie for the laird of Geyght his benefite; but albeit I intimat the same to him, he has neuer kept a touche, albeit it be 12 moneths

agoe since I directed him in your Maiestie's name: and therefore I humbly aduyse your Maiestie, (seing he is both excommunicat and your Hieness' rebell,) that seeret direction be gevin to the captain of the gaird to apprehend him, and set him fast in the castell of Edinburgh: for beside his owne professed constancy, he hes corrupted his eldest sone. And before he be releued, I hope your Maiestie will command that he giue security for abyding in some convenient place for conference, and for placing of his sone in some schole or college in the cuntrey, where he maie be taught in the grounds of true religion.

The Erle of Home hes not yet receiued the communion; for the whiche the ministers, in a late synode halden here, haue grevously compleined. Since your Maiestie desired me not to be snddane in vrging him, a yere agoe, and to staie proces against him, I humbly beseke your Maiestie showe me your pleasure hereanent; for I haue spoken with him lately, but I can take no holde vpon his speches.

The library of Santandrois, founded by your Maiestie, is come to gret perfection, for it wilbe a very stately and magnifik hous; for we fynd very great fauour in the cuntrey of the noble men and barones, and are almost refused of none except the chancellor and his combination. The Session, after his example, refuses also, except the secretary, the clerk of register, and the lord of Logye. So he is canis in præsepi; for I wes at him yesterdaie my self, with the commissioners of the vniuersity, and vsed very humble and humaine speeches to him; but we were disdanefully repulsed.

I am very glade that I haue occasion to send vp a signatour to your Maiestie in fauour of your Maiestie's owne poet and natiue seruant, Mr. Henry Danskene.

Your Maiestie wilbe pleased to send a direction to the thesorer that the poore ministers and viears maye fele your Maiestie's mercyfull liberality in the mater of their taxations, as your Maiestie hes bene accustumed to doe. Thus, after I haue humbly kissed your Maiestie's hands, I beseke God to preserue your Maiestie long in health and prosperity, I rest

Your Maiestie's most humble servant and subiect,

SANTANDROIS.

Edinburgh 28 May 1613.

Postscript.

Sir, maye a poore seruant entreat yowr Maiestie for a lettre to me for approbation of my good sone's seruices, and some hope of his preferment; for he is greatlie cast doun, albeit your Maiestie hes bene very gratious in causing his money to be restored. Our enemy insults.

ALEXANDER FIRST EARL OF DUNFERMLINE, Chancellor of Scotland, and THOMAS FIRST LORD BINNING, Secretary of State for Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 2d November 1616.

53. Traist freind, After our hairtlie commendationis. Whereas the Laird of Craiganis, laite convenair of the justicеis of peace within the schirefdome of Renfrew, is now, at the pleasour of God, depairtit this lyffe, sua that the said offiee vaikis, and the administratioun of iustiee in materis concerning the same ceasses; we haif thairfoir maid choise of yow to supplee that charge, and hes heirwith send vnto yow ane ample commissioun for that effeet; requeisting yow to aceept the said commissioun vpoun yow, and to keepe the ordinair tymes of meeting of the saidis justiceis of peace, and to do, performe, and exceute that whilk to your place and charge in this caise apperteyneth; quhairby as yow shall gif vnto the Kingis Maiestie verie goode satisfaetioun, and sall do vnto his Maiestie goode and aeceptable seruice, so his Maiestie will not be vnmyndfull thairof whensoeuir the oecasioun of your adois salbe presentit vnto his Maiestie: And so recommending yow to the protectioun of God, we rest,

Your verie assured goode freindis,

2 Nouember 1616.

To oure right traist freind, the Laird of Nether Pollok.

LUDOVICK SECOND DUKE OF LENNOX to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
2d July 1617.

54. After my harty commendaeiouns. Wheras his Maiestie is to bee at Glasgow the 22th day of July, where I desire to bee aecompanied with some of my freindis of the better sorte for his Maiestie's service, I must entreate you to take the paynes to meet mee at the Bishopp's Bridg, that day his Maiestie eometh into the towne, where I have desired other of my freindis to meete mee alsoe. And, aeeording to the ould obligaeioun I owe you, I shall euer rest,

Your loveing freind,

Lennox

Sterling, the 2 of July 1617.

To my loueing freende, the Lairde of Pooke Maxwell, giue these.

JAMES LAW, Archbishop of Glasgow, to KING JAMES VI.,
5th Deeember 1618.

Most gratious Souerane:

May it pleis your saered Majestie,

55. I haue wretin to Sir James Semple the trew estait of the Bisehoprie of Ardgyle, whieh is on of the provinee of Glasgow, and I haue sent wnto him the humble petitions of the præsent Bishop, who is ane learned, wyse and worthie gentlman, and hes all this last sommer travelled throw all the pairts of his dioeie, visited and ordoured the ehurehes therof, and done to your Majestie the best seruiee he eould in these pairts. I thoght it verie expedient, and a pairt of my most humble dewtie and seruiee, to informe your Majestie therof at this tyme, humblie beseieching that your gratious Maiestie wold be pleised to tak notiee therof from the said Sir James, as I haue trewlie informed him.

The Bishop of the Iles lyes and leives in Irland, and albeit his sone Maister Thomas be ane good young man, and hes travelled throw some of these Islands

this last sommer, nevertheles ther is such neeessitie of a resident Bishop for informatioun and reformatioun of these barbarous and wnhallowed people, and your Majestie's seruiee in that dioeie, that I will also most humblie beseeeh your Maiestie to send downe some warrand to me, the Bisehoppes of Galloway and Ardgyle with me, to tak tryell of the present estate of that Bischoprie, and to report the same bak againe with our best advyse to your Majestie how the said Bishoprie may be restored and preserved; and all the defeets of non-residenee may be helped and supplied in tyme eumming.

May it pleis your Maiestie also be informed, that I haue had diuerse meitings and eonferenees with my Lord Semple, who in maters of religioun hes givin me full eontentment and satisfaetioun, and heth willinglie offerred his help and assistanee to me in everie thing that I sall haue to do, within the baronie of Renfrew. Lykas I haue fund him so humblie and loyallie affeeted towards your Majesties seruiee, that, if your Majestie may be pleased to tak tryell therof, I dar be bold to wndertak for sueh performanee as sall give your Majestie good proof of his Lordship's most willing resolutioun to serve and pleas your Majestie.

I am verie sorie that I sould truble your Majestie with this too long letter, humblie beseiehing your Maiestie to pardoun me who heth not, nor shall noeht mak vse of it: and so, praying God everie day to prolong your Majestie's dayes in all peaee and prosperitie, and to blis yow with everlesting happines, I rest,

Your Majestie's most humble subject and servand,

Ja. Glasgow.

5 Deeember 1618.

To the King his most exeellent Majestie.

The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener of the Justiees of the Peace for Renfrewshire, 10th September 1623.

56. After our verrie hairtlie eommendatioums. Wheras the Commissioums to the iusticeis of paee throughout all the pairtis of this kingdome ar renewit, and some persones adioynid to these who war formarlie eleetit, and to supple the

placeis of suche as at the pleasour of God ar depairtit this lyffe, or that vpone some intervening occasiouns can not attend that service. And seeing you ar nominat to be convenar of the saidis justiceis, and to be keper of the register and rollis of the matteris occurring in that service within the boundis of the shirefdome of Renfrew, as by the Commissioun heirwith send vnto yow will appeir: These ar thairfoir to requeist and desyre yow to accept this charge vpone yow, and to warne the persones nominat in the Commissioune to be present at the nixt quarter sessioun, quhair yow and thay sall gif your oathis for administratioun of the said office accordinglie, and thairefter, with consent of the bensche, yow sall mak choise of constablis and minister vnto thame the accustumat oathe. And, at your said meitting, yow sall recommend vnto the bensche the cairfull and dilligent attendance vpon this chairge for the preserving of his Maiesteis pace within the boundis committit vnto thame, as thay will approve thame selffis worthie of the truste that his Maiestie repoissis in thame, and will testefie thair honnest and dewtifull affectioun to his Maiesteis obedience and service, and weele of the countrie. And so committing yow to the protectioun of God, we rest,

Your verrie good freindis,

Geo: Camell

Mar.

J. Morton.

Haliruidhous x° September 1623.

We will lykewayes recommend vnto yow that at the first meeting of the Commissionaris some solide course be tane anent the poore; and that yow returne vnto the Counsell, vpoun the last Counsell day of Nouember nixt, ane

formall reporte in write of youre procedingis in that mater: And yow ar lykewayes to haif a cair that the absentis frome the quarter sessionis be vnlawit, and the vnlawis vpliftit.

To oure right traist freind, the Laird of Nether Pollok, Conuenair of the Justiceis of Peace within the Shirefdome of Renfrew.

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Convener of the Justices of the Peace for the Shire of Renfrew, 1st February 1625.

57. After our verrie hairtlie commendationis. Wheras we haue not hard of the diligence done be yow and the rest of your coniunct Commissionaris in the executioun of the last commissioun wherwith yow wer intruisted for keiping of his Maiestei's peace within the boundis of that shirefdome, and quhat concurs your fellow Commissionaris hes givin in that matter: These ar thairfoir to requeist and desyre yow to send to his Maiesteis Counsaill at Striuilling, vpoun the nynt of Marche now approtcheing, and failleing thairof, vpoun the first Counsaill day thairafter, ane note vnder your clerkis handis of the proceidingis of your sessionis, especiallie the names of these who hes compeirit and acceptit the commissioun, with the names of these who, being desyred to accept, hes neglectit to do the same, and of these who haueing acceptit, hes not keipit the ordinar meittingis; to the intent that after pervsall of your note, ordour may be tane with the delinquentis, as thair contempt and dissobedyence meritis. Whilk remitting to your cair and diligence, as a peece of service wherof his Maiestie is verrie solist to haif ane accompt, we committ yow to God. Frome Edinburgh, the first day of Februar 1625.

Your verrie goode frendis,
GEO. CANCELL^S.
T. MELROS.
S^r. V. OLIPHANT.
S^r. J. SKENE.

The Consall day haldis at Edinburgh, the penult daye of Marche 1625.

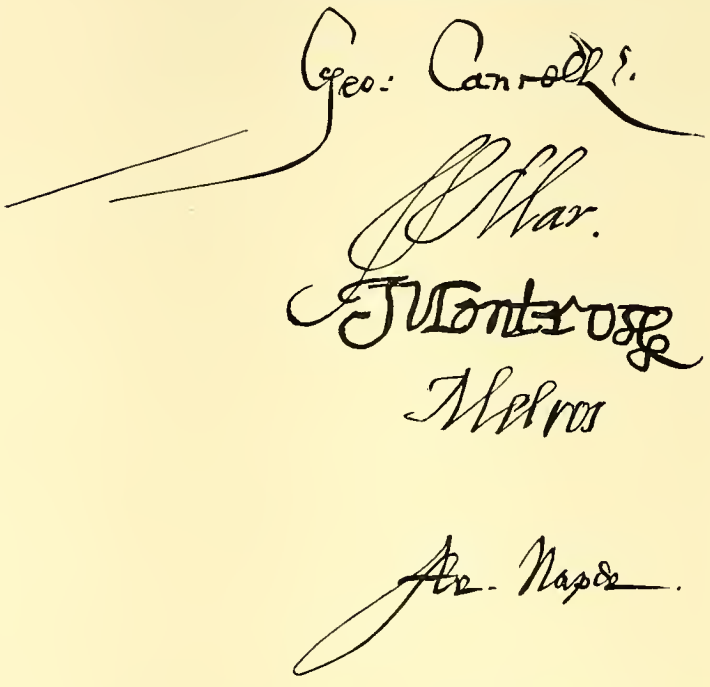
To our right traist frend the Laird of Nether Pollok,
Convenar of the Justiceis of Peace
within the Schirefdome of Renfrew.

THE LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
Convener of the Justices of Peace for Renfrewshire,
30th March 1626.

58. After our verie hairtlie commendationis. The Commissionaris for the burrowis haveing petitioned the Kingis Maiestie for a generall restreant of exportatioun of forbiddin goodes, without exceptioun or limitatioun, and for a free importatioun of forreyne victuall without payment of custome, and for the matter of the coyne, and some otheris thingis of moment importing the whole estate, his Maiestie wes thairvpoun moved to write vnto his Counsell that the desire of the burrowis' petitioun might be grantit. Bot becaus the matter wes of importance, whairin the nobilitie and gentrie hes thair speciall entresse, the determinatioun vpoun these poynts hes bene delayed till the tuentie day of Aprile nixt; and a nomber of the nobilitie ar writtin for to keepe that dyet, and the burrowis hes vndertane to keepe the same. And whairas the interesse of the barronis in these matteris is no lesse important nor of the rest, these ar thairfore to request and desire you to convene the iustices of peace and otheris barronis and gentlemen within the boundis of that Schirefdome sa soone as convenientlie may be, and shawe vnto thame the propositioun of the burrowis, and his Maiesteis directioun following thairvpoun, and vrge thame to mak choise of some sufficient personis as Commissionaris for thame to keepe this dyet, and to come instructit to confer and reasone vpoun the poyntis foirsaidis, and all that may result thairvpoun. Whilk lookeing assuredlie you

will doe, we commit you to God. From Edinburgh the penult of Marche 1626.

Your verie assured goode freindis,



To our right traist frend, the Laird of Nether Pollok, Convenair of the Justiceis of Peace within the Schirefdome of Renfrew.

The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, and the other Justices of the Peace for Renfrewshire, 14th June 1626.

59. After our verie heartlie commendatiouns. Wheras at the late meeting of the nobilitie, counsell and some commissioners for the barons and burrowes, vpon the 20 day of Aprile last, anent the propositioun made be the burrowes to his Maiestie for a generall restraint of exportatioun of forbiddin goods, it wes agreed, with mutuall consent; wherunto his Maiestie hes now givin his gra-

cious allowance that the justiceis of peace within the severall shirefdoms of this kingdome sould send in to the clerk of counsell yeerelie, before the 20 day of August, a true report in writt, vnder their hands, what hes been the ordinar price of wooll, oxen, eattell, and sheepe, of all sorts, at the particular mercats within the bounds of thair office fra the beginning of May to the day of thair meeting at their quarter sessioun, vpon the first tuisday of August, yeerelie, to the intent the counsell may aeeordinglie take order for publishing the rules of restraint or transport of these commoditeis. And whereas now there is a generall complaint of the present exportatioun of nolt, at the least of buying of them aforehand to be transported, which hes procured both the scairsetie and dearth of thame, and consequentlie ane restraint to be made of forder exportatioun of thame till the last of August now approaeching, wherethrough in the meane time the counsell may be informed frome yow and the rest of the justiceis of peace how the prices of the mereats within your bounds reulis : These ar therefore to requeist and desire yow to informe your selves suffieientlie and tymouslie coneerning the whole premissis, and send in your report in writt vnder your hands to the clerk of the counsell, betuixt and the said 20 day of August nixtocum, to the effect abouewrittin. Which looking assuredlie yow will doe, we committ yow to God. From Edinburgh, the xiiii day of Junij 1626.

Your verie good freindis,

Geo. Cancell[s].
J. E. Mar.
Wintoun.
T. Melros.

To our right traist freindis, the Laird of Nether Pollok, Convennar, and remanent Justiceis of Peaee within the Shirefdome of Renfrew.

John Spottiswoode, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 8th November 1626.

60. After my verie hairtlie commendationis. By a lettre whilk I haif latelie res-

saved from the Kingis Maiestie, I am commandit to convene the commissionaris appoyntit be his Maiestie anent the matter of the revocatioun, to the intent we may proceid in the prosequutioun of oure commissioun, according to his Maiesteis royal intentioun, and the truist conceredite vnto ws. And becaus the dyet appoyntit at the last meitting of the commissionaris hes bene vpoun some intervening occasionis disappoyntit, thairfore thair is a new meitting appoyntit to be at Edinburgh, vpoun the tuentie foure day of November instant; whilk dyet I will earnestlie intreate you to keepe, and to come provydit to attend the prosequutioun of oure commissioun, according to the tenour thereof. Whairin resting assured of your forwardnes, to the intent we may approve our selffis in that service answeirable to the truist reposed in ws, I commit you to God. From St. Androis, the eight day of November 1626.

Your verie goode freind,

Samtorrfull

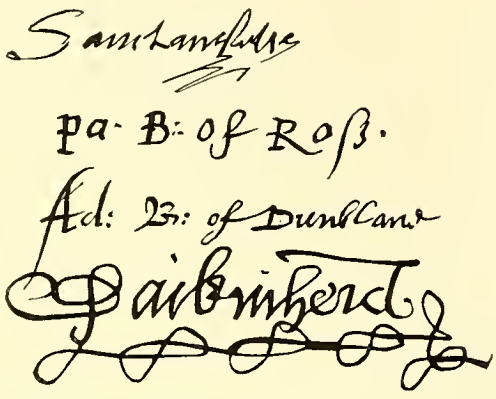
To my verie assured goode freind the Laird of Pollok.

The Commissioners for the Surrender of Church Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 6th [January] 1627.

61. After our verrie hairtlie commendationis. Wheras it hes pleased the Kingis Maiestie vpoun diuerse considerationis to gif warrand and directioun for prorogatioun of the Commissioun anent the ressaueing of surrenderis of landis, teyndis, and vtheris falling vnder his Maiesteis lait revocatioun vntill the first day of Merche nixtocome, and hes recommendit vnto the Commissionaris the cairfull attendance vpoun that Commissioun, and proceiding thairin accordinglie; and thairfoir, for his Maiesteis satisfactioun, the nixt meitting of the Commissionaris is appoyntit to be heir vpoun the sevintene day of Januar instant. Whilk dyet we will earnestlie intreat yow to keip preceislie. Whilk lookeing assuredlie yow will do (quhairthrow the defect, (yf any salbe) in the

succes of that commissioun, be not imputt to the commissionaris,) we commit yow to God. Frome Edinburgh the saxt day of [Januar] 1627.

Your verrie goode Frendis,



To our right traist frend, Sir Johnne Maxuell of Nether Pollok.

The Commissioners for the Surrender of Church Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, April 1627.

62. After our verie hartlie commendationis. Wheras for the ease of the commissionares nominat by his Maiestie for the surrenderis, it is thocht meit that thay sall attend monethlie per viees, and for the nixt moneth of Maii ze ar nominat be the Lords to attend. These ar therefor to request yow to mak your address heir wpone the last of Apryill instant, to the intent the whole moneth of Maii be assisted with zour presenee. And so, resting assured of your keiping of this dyett, we committ yow to God. Frome Halirudhous, the day of Appryill 1627.

Your verie assuired good freinds,

Geo. Cancells.
Monteith.
Rothes.
Wintoun.
T. Melros.

To our verrie honnorabill goode frend, Sir John Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knycht.

The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 7th August 1627.

63. After our verry hairtlie commendatiounes. Whairas the Kingis Maiestie, vpoun ane wnavoidabill neeessitie, hes bene constrained to wndertak a just varre againes the Frenehe King, wherunto he hes bene drawin by the strongest bandis of honour, religioun and saiftie ; and the sueeesse of this varre importis his Maiestie more neerlie then any bussinesse quhairin formerlie he hes bene ingadged. Lykas in the proseeutioun thairof he is to imploy the effeetuall eoncurance of his guid and loveing subieetis of all his dominiouns, and being confident of the affeetioun of the subieetis of this his aneient kingdome, and reposing vpoun thair valour of eurage, he expeetis a reall supplee of twa thowsand men to be sent from henee vnder the ehairge and eonduet of the Erle of Mortoun, and hes reeomendit wnto ws the vseing of our best indeavouris with all rankis of persounes to eontribute thair best helpis towardis the furtheranee of this supplee, the happie issue and event quhairof, for his Maiestie's contentment and the eredit of the euntrie, will depend vpoun the dewtifull eoneuranee of the honest hairted subieetis of the samyn, of quhom, aeeompting zow to be one in speeiall, we must thairfoir lay a pairt of this burthin vpoun zow, ernestlie requesting zow to vse your best credit for the furtheranee thairof, and to let ws know by report in wrytt wnder zour hand vponn the xxix of this instant, what nwmber of persounes ze will be abill to furnisehe for this seruice, to be brought or sent to Edynburgh againe the fyfteine day of September nixt, to be deliuered to the said Erle of Mortoun or his offiearis, who wilbe thair readdie to ressaue and transport thame, and be whom thay wilbe als kyndlie and weill vsed and payed as ony otheres of his Maiestie's royall armeis hes ever bene payed in any tyme bygane. Wiseking zow in the meane tyme to haive a speciall eair that ehois be made of worthie persounes of guid vigour and abilitie of bodie, not being of thois who ar in the commoun rollis for the seruice of the King of Denmark, seing this seruiee whairin thir leveyes ar to be imployed importis his Maiestie and the eountrie so neirlie in honour and eredit. And so, resting assured that thair wilbe nothing wanting in zow quhilk may be conduce to the advancement of this seruice, and the rather seing, be expres

command and direetioun from the Kingis Maiestie, we must, immediatlie after the said xxix day, give an aeeompt to his Maiestie of everie manes eariage, and with that send vp to his Maiestie a list and roll of the partieular nwmber of persounes to be furnisehed be everie man for this seruiee, we eommit zow to God. From Halyrudhous, the sevint of August 1627.

Zouris verrie guid friendis,

GEO. CANCELL^S.
NITHISDAILL.
T. MELROS.
NAPER.

To our right trust freind, the Laird of Neather Pooke.

The LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, and the other JUSTICES OF PEACE for Renfrewshire, 31st August 1627.

64. After our verie heartilie eommendatiouns. We wrote to yow of before for returning vnto his Maiesteis eounsell a report in writt of the pryees of the nolt, sheepe and wooll, to the intent that, aeeordinglie, ordour might be tane for publishing the rules of restraint or transport of these eommoditeis. And looking to have heard fra yow eoneerning this bussines vpoun the xxix of this instant, yitt we have heard no report at all. We mervell that in a mater of this kinde, importing so neerelie the good of the eountrie, that yow have beene so slaeke and negligent. And thairfoir, these ar to requeist and desire yow that yow faile not, all exeuse sett aside, to informe your self suffieientlie in this mater, betuixt and the eighteen day of September nixt, and send in your report to his Maiestei's eounsell thairanent vpoun the said day. Quhilkis looking assuredlie yow will doe, we eommitt yow to God. From Halyrudhous the last day of August 1627.

Your verie good freindis,

GEO CANCELL^S.
WINTOUN.
LINLITHGOW.
HADINTON.

To our right trust freind, the Laird of Neather Pooke, Conveener, and remanent Justiees of Peace within the Shirefdom of Renfrew.

The Commissioners for the Surrender of Church Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 22d January 1628.

65. After our hartlie comendationes. Thair hes beine of lait a great hinder and stay in the progres of his Maiestie's Comissioun for the surranders and teyndis be reasoun that some of the Comissioners who wer intrustit with that bussines hes beine, vpoun sindry interveining occasiounes, diverted fra attendance thairat, so as, sinee the fourtene day of December last, ther hes not beine ane meitting vpoun that comissioun throw want of ane full number of the Comissioners, quhilk no doubt wilbe heighlie to his Maiestie's offenee, and quhairanent no excuse ean be maid, that in ane mater of this importunitie, so heighlie eoneerneing his Maiestie, the Kirk and Estait, so litle eair hes beine had to bring the same to ane guid eonclusioun. And thairfoir thair is ane new meitting of the quhole Comissioners appoynted to be heir, at Halirudhous, vpoun the threttene day of Februar nixtoeum, for resolving vpoun sum eonstant and solid eourse toward the furtheranee and advaneement of this serviec, and preventing such oeeasiounes as mey interrupt and hinder the same in tyme euming. These ar to requeist and desyre zow to keip this dyet preecislie, that, by zour joynt coneurrance with the rest of the Comissioneris, this wark, which his Maiestie so earnestlie affectis, mey be broght to some guid end. For we will be constrainit, for our awin exoneratioun and dischairge, if any new hinder or stay fall out, to give partieular notiee of the same, and of the trew eausis thairof to his Maiestie, and to let his Maiestie know from quhom and vpown quhois default the stay proeeides. Bot assureing our selffis that zow will be respeetive eneugh of zour dewtie in this eaise, we commit zow to God. From Halirudhous the 22 day of Januar 1628.

Zour guid freindis,

Geo. Cancell[s].
Hadinton.
S[r]. Thomas Hope.

To our trust freind, Sir Johne Maxwell of Neather Pooke.

The Commissioners for the Surrender of Church Lands and Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 10th June 1628.

66. After our verie heartilie commendatiouns. Whairas at the last meeting and sessioun of the Commissioun anent the Surrenders and Teinds, the fourt of this instant wes appointed for the nixt meeting, quhilk dyet and meeting hes beene verie evill keeped, in so farre as few or nane of the Commissioners hes attended the same, quhairthrow thair hes beene a verie great hinder and stay in the progresse of that Commissioun, quhilk no doubt will be highlie to his Maiesteis offenee, and least anie imputatioun may be objected aganis ws for not foreseing and preventing of all forder delayes in this bussines, we haue thairfoir appointed a new meeting of the whole commissioners to be vpoun the fourt of Julij now approacheing, aganis quhilk tyme we looke that these of the Commissioun who ar at Court will be returned. And we haue writtin to the whole remanent that ar at hame to keepe that dyet preciselie. Of the whilk nomber yow being one, we will lykewayes requeist yow to keepe the same dyet, so that your absenee be no hinder nor stay to the seruice. For we will be constrained, for our awin exoneratioun, to lett his Maiestie know fra whome and vpoun whois default the stay (if anie sall happin to be) proceeds. Bot, looking that you will be more respectiue to his Maiesteis obedienee and your awin dewtie in this point, we committ you to God. Frome Halyruidhous, the tent day of Junij 1628.

Your verie good freinds,

J. E. Mar.
Hadinton.
Lauderdaill.
Dunkeld.
A. Erskyne.
J. Hamilton.

To our verie honnourable good freind the Laird of Neather Pooke.

The Lords of Privy Council to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Convener of the Justices of Peace within the shire of Renfrew, 10th July 1628.

67. After our verie heartlie commendationes. Yow remember that at ane meiting of the nobilitie, counsell and some commissionaris for the barons and burrowis, in the monethe of Apryle 1626, it was thought expedient and ordained, that the justices of peace within the severall shirefdomes of this kingdome sould send in to the clerk of counsell, zeirlie, before the tuantie day of August, a trew report in writt, vnder thair hand, what hes beine the ordinar pryce of wooll, oxin, cattell and sheepe, of all sortis, at the partieular mercattis within the boundis of thair office, fra the begining of May to the day of thair meiting at thair quarter sessione vpone the first tuysday of August zeirlie; to the intent that, accordinglie, ordour may be tane for publishing the rules of restraint or transporte of these commodities. And quharas it is verie expedient that this course, so resoluedlie agried vpone at suche a famous meeting, salbe preceislie observed yeerlie: Thairfore, these ar to requeist and desyre zow to informe your selffes sufficientlie and tymouslie concerning the premisis, and send in zour report in writt thairanent, vnder zour handis, to the said clerk of counsell betuixt and the tuantie day of August nixt: Whilk looking assuiredlie yow will doe, we committ zow to God. From Halyruidhous, the tent day of Julij 1628.

Your verie good freindis,

J. E. Mar.
Sanctandrews.
Hadinton.
Dunkeld.
Pa. Aberdene.

To our right trust freind the Laird of Neather Pooke, conveenner of the Justices of Peace within the Shirefdome of Renfrew.

The Lords Commissioners of Teinds to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 8th August 1628.

68. Efter our verie hairtlie commendationes. By twa lettres from his Majestie whiche wer this day exhibit to the commissioun anent the surrendaris and teyndis, his Majestie hes verie earnestlie recommendit vnto thame the ordouring and dispatche of sindrie particularis concerning the busines, and amanges vtheris the geweing of sub-commissiones for trying of the constant rent of the landis within eache paroche in stock and teynd, to the intent that his Majestie's annuitie, whiche is aggrict to have the begyning in this instant zeir 1628, may be the better determined and knowen. And whereas thair ar matteris of wecht and consequence quhiche will requyre both gud advyse, and tyme and leasour to deliberat thairon; thair is thairfoir ane meitting of the quholl commissionaris to be heir at Holyrudhous, vpoun the xxii of September nixtocum, and to stay and attend vpoun the satling of these materis all that weik. And yow being on of that number, these ar to requeist and desyr zow to keip this dyet preceislie, so that zour absence be na prejudice to his Majesteis service; for we ar speciallie directit be his Majestie to gif notice to his Majestie of all these that salbe writtin to, and who keippis not the appoyntit dyet. Bot, looking that ze will not be absent at so necessarie a tyme, quhen suche ane important peice of service is to be handlit, as zow exspect his Majesteis contentment, and wilbe cairfull to eschew the censure wiche your absence may procure at his Majesteis handis, we committ zow to God. From Holyrudhous, the aucht day of August 1628.

Zour verie good freindis,

Monteith.
S^R J. Skene.
S^R Thomas Hope.
D. Aikinheid.

To our right trust freind the Laird of Neather Pooke.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL GEORGE MONCK to the COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT for the Burgh of Ruglen, 11th May 1658.

69. Gentlemen, His Highnes and the Counceill being sensible of the vrgent neeessity of bringing in of money for the present affaires of the Commonwealth, haue sent their letters to the Commissioners for the Assessement in the seuerall counties of England to meet in order to the raising the six monthes' assessement, beginning from the 24th of June next, and appoint their generall meetings at sueh eonvenient times, and that they soe proeeed as that the assessement for the first three monthes of that six monthes, whieh by the Aet is payable on or before the first of September next, be paid in to the respeetiue reeeivers on or before the sixth day of July, and the latter three monthes' assesse, payable by the said Aet on or before the first of Deeember next, be paid in to the respeetiue reeiuers on or before the sixth of Oetober next; to the end there may bee seasonable supply for the pressing oeeaeions of the Comonwealth, and of the armies, whieh will otherwise unauoidably eome to free quarter. And therefore his Highnes and the Counceill haue thought fitt to require his Highnes' Counceill heere to write the like letters unto the Commissioners in the respeetiue shires, counties, and plaees in Seotland, to the same effeet. In pursuanee whereof his Highnes' Counceill heere haue thought fitt to signify the premises unto yow, the Commissioners for assessment in the Burgh of Ruglin, and to desire you that you also meete in order to the raising of the six monthes' assessement, beginning from the 24th of June next, and appoint your meetings at sueh eonvenient times, and that you soe proeeed as that the assessement for the first three monthes of those six monthes in the said Burgh, which by the Aet is payable on the first of September next, bee paid in to the reeeiuer on or before the sixth day of July next, and the latter three monthes payable by the said Aet on or before the first of December next, be paid in to the reeeiuer on or before the sixth of Oetober next, to the end there may bee a seasonable supply for the pressing oeeasions of the Commonwealth, and of the armies, whieh will otherwise inauoidably eome to free quarter. And although this be but the same tax that is laid by the Act, yet the timely payment thereof will preuent many ineonvenienees, and be of great advantage to the publique serviee, which they desire you to doe your

vtmost to promote heerein, by the causeing those six monthes assessements of that burgh to be paid in att the times aforesaid, and the said Councill heere doe further desire you to giue them an accompt of your receipt heerof, and of your resolutions therevpon as speedily as you can.

Signed in the name and by order of the Councill,

George Monck

Edinburgh, the 11th May 1658.

To the Comissioners of Assessment for the Burgh of Ruglen,—These.

For the service of the State.

Charles Sixth Duke of Lenox and Richmond to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.

Whitehall, February 5th 1671.

70. Sir, I haue receiued yours of the 26th of January, together with one from Major Graunt, to whome I haue returned an answer, and cannot but think that it must be great negligence the not sending of the guns: for I must needs tell yow that an order of a superior officer is sufficient to discharge the inferior, and had I not had his Majestye's leaue and directions to writte what I did, I should not haue ventured to haue written so positiuely to my leiutenent, Mr. Graunt, for the deliuery of the guns to my Lord Blantyre, whoe I thinke altogether as faulty as Major Graunt, the which he shall find at his returne out of France.

I cannot but giue yow thankes for your diligence in my concerns, and desire you would be asisting to Mr. Bickerstaffe in all my concernes; for I am suddenly sending him downe with full instructions and sufficient authority for the manageing all my affaires in the Admiralty. I haue herein inclosed sent a letter to George Graunt, in which is a letter to Captain Hamilton, being informed that he liueth in the west part of Scotland; but if you can send the

letter to him with greater expedition, pray open Mr. Graunt's letter, and send it to him, for the business requires a speedy answer (it is).

His Majesty hath bin pleased to lend me a 5th rate frigatt of 28 gunns, of which I intend him to be Captain; the which I beleiue will turne to greate advantage, not oncly to me but likewise to him; for shee is to ply where I shall direct her in case wee haue a warr. I must likewise haue 150 able seamen sent me to goe in her, haueing oblidged my selfe to his Majesty and his Royall Highness that she shall be altogether mann'd by Seotch men, the which his Royall Highness hath promised me shall not be prest into any other seruice. Therefore, I pray, make it your business for the sending of me soe many men, whoe shall be entred into pay so soone as they come on board. I expect euery day an order from his Majesty for the sending downe for seamen to supply the fleete here; therefore the sooner you send my men, it will be the better for them and me: so, pray, returne me a speedy answer to all this, which is all at present from

Your affectionate freind,

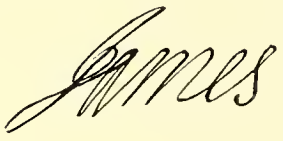
Lenox & Richmond

Since the writting of this, I haue receiued a protection from his Royall Highness for a shipp and all the men that shall come in her, the which I here inclosed send you, and desire that you will hyer a vessell as cheape as you cann from the port of Leith to London, to bring the seamen up, and for what money you shall lay out for the hyreing of the vessell, and the men, shall be repay'd you out of the eastle pay, for which I haue giuen Enterkin order by this post; and so soone as you haue hired a vessell, pray insert the name of her and the master's name in the proteetion.

For Sir George Maxwell.

James Duke of Yorke and Albany, Earle of Vlster, Lord High Admirall of England and Ireland, Constable of Douer Castle, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, and Governour of Portsmouth, &c.

71. You are not to imprest into his Majesty's service any of the men which shall be brought about from Scotland in the shipp whereof is master. Given under my hand and seale at Whitehall, this 5th of February 1671.



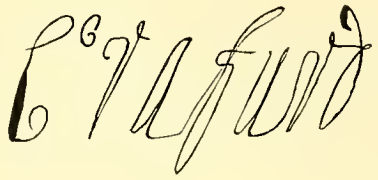
To all Comanders of his Majesty's shipps and all others whom it may concerne.

By command of his R. Highnes,
M. Wren.

William fifteenth Earl of Crafurd to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 8th October 1690.

72. Honoured Sir, I am under a necessity of giveing you warning that by the absence of such counsellors who favour the presbiterian interest, who either live at some distance from this, or have repaired to London, we are like to loose in that judicatory, whatever we gained for that interest in parliament. This put me to a necessity from the insults of our adverse party to wave our church affairs yesterday, and to adjourn the council till Tuesday next. We have 13 or 14 particulars in the roll of business, and these of great concern to our church, which will infallibly all of them misgive, if you and some others to whom I have write, shal not attend that dyet. I have by this warning exonered my conscience, and acquitt my selfe to our ministers, who joyn with me in this earnest desire. Howmuchever your inclination be to keep home, I hope such an urgent necessity will prove a spurr to your zeal where your credit is like-

wise concerned. It may be convenient that before we meet on Tuesday in the council (which is appointed at 3 in the afternoon,) there were some commoning betwixt you and, honoured Sir, your very humble servant,



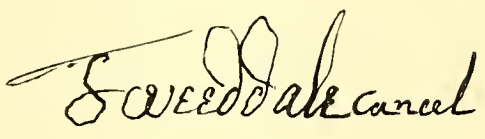
Edinburgh, 8th October 1690.

For Sir John Maxwell of Pollock.

JOHN SECOND EARL OF TWEEDDALE, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 27th April 1692.

73. Sir, Upon ane express, at the Queen's command, sent by Secretary Johnston, the Councill was called upon the 26th current; and at their meetting resolved that all the councillours should be requyred to be present upon Thursday the 5th of May next, to deliberate and give their advice upon the subject matter of the said express. For which end your presence is expected here, the said 5th of May, by ten a cloak in the forenoon, as yee wold contribute to his Majestie's service, and security and peace of the Kingdome: which in name and by express command of the Councill is signified to you by

Your humble servant,



Edinburgh, 27th Appryll 1692.

I have this day receaved another express which makes your meetting more premptor and needfull.

For the right honourable Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, one of their Majesties most honourable Privie Councill.

JOHN SECOND EARL OF TWEEDDALE, Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 21st September 1692.

74. SIR, By a letter from the Master of Stair, Secretary of State, att his Majestie's command, I am apointed to accquant yow it is the King's royall pleasure noe Counsellor depairt out of this Kingdome without his allowance. Any whose affairs doe call them, may apply to one of the Secretarys to accquant his Majestie with ther bussinesse, and desyre to goe for London, or any wher else out of this kingdome ; which, in complyance with the said letter, is signified to yow by your humble servant,

TWEEDDALE.

Edinburgh, 21 September 1692.

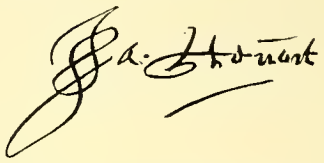
For the right honorable Sir John Maxwell of Nether Pollock.

SIR JAMES STEUART, Lord Advocate, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Edinburgh, 10 April 1694.

75. Sir, When the King's letter came to the Councel and the proclamation uas emitted upon it, it was far from all men's thoughts that the execution of it should be made a mater of covetousness, and prosequut as sur against men lieable to no suspicion ; and when some at London represented it as to severe and unseasonable, all thought on was that it might put persons disaffected into great a ferment, but that honest men should be trubled uith it, uas not so much as imagined. Houever, I have a letter from Secretarie Stair, of the 31 March, wherein he writes me these wordes, that as to the proclamation for disarming and dismounting, it's thought not veric seasonable, but a publick countermand would be indecent. Only it's necessarie that the people trubled knou that none are to be trubled but such as being required shall refuse the othes ; and this you may signifie to your sheriff-deput in the way you judge most convenient, non amo nimium diligentes ; and tell him plainly if he abuse the poor countrey he may meet uith a sharper reprimand. In other places

sheriffs are tender to appear severe even against the disaffeeted ; but where a countrie is knoun to be well affeeted, there pitiefull felloues uill turn what was intended only for the countrie's seeurity to be their snare. But, pray, fail not to give me partieular information if this abuse proeeid. I am, Sir, yours,



For Sir John Maxuell of Nether Pollock, to be left at John Pedie's shope in Glaseow.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to MR. WILLIAM CARSTARES.

Edinburgh, 25th June 1695.

76. Deare Sir, I did wryte to yow befor about the latter end of the last moneth, but hath not as yet heard if it eame to your hand. Others possibly may give yow a better aecompt of matter heir then I ; yet, with submission to your oune judgement quhat to think of it, I presume to give yow myne also as to quhat hath past in parliament yesterday and some dayes befor. Yee know the King gave a Comission to the Comissioner Anandaill and others, to take tryeall in the matter of Gleneoe slaughter, and expressly to report to himself ; yet by the importunitie of some members of parliament yesterday, the Comissioner was pleased to lay befor the parliament the whole testimonies of the witneses and doeuments in that matter, together with the report of the Comissioners to the King, (this was befor the report could reaeh the King, quhieh was sent away but two or three dayes befor,) and the Parliament haveing read all the depositions and letters produeed relateing therto, written by the Master of Staire and others, they found, that the King's instruetions eontained powers to offer merey to sueh as should take the oathes aither befor or after the 1st of Januar 1692, quhich was the last day eontained in the King's indemnity ; and that, therfor, the exeeution and slaughter used upon them in Februarie 1692, was without the King's warrant. And afterwards by another vote upon the same deposi-

tions led befor the Comission, but not in presenee of the parliament, they found it a murder, and it was moved by two Lords, Craufurd and Polwart, that the King should be addressed to against the Master of Staire's, that he might be sent home to undergoe his tryeall as being aeeesorie therto by his lettre, although that it seemes by the Master of Staire's lettres that aecompanied the King's instruetions of the 16th Januar 1692, both supersigned and countersigned by the King's oune hand, and quhereof ther was 2 doubles, one to Sir Thomas Livingstoune, eomander in eheife heir, and another to Hill in Innerlochie, it appeares that the Master hath been verie forward for a very speedie and seeret exeeution upon that theevish raee of Gleneoe; yet the prineipall instructions, under the King's oune hand, was the regula regulans in everie step of that aetion, quhereof aither the prineipall or doubles was sent alongst with all the offieers imployed in exeeution therof. So that all this unhappie and cruel aetion seemes mostly to be eharged upon the indisereet, brutish exeeutioners, in not tendering offers of mereie to these poor people ere they wer cutt off: yet therafter on ~~the 30th~~ of March, when the exeeution was past, quhieh was done on the 13th of Februar 1692, the Master of Staire wrytes lettres to aither Sir Thomas Livingstoun or Hill, wherin he sayes he was glade of it, or to this purpose. But in my judgement, after all it's hardly possibly the King can throughly understand this matter so weell by the report, as that he also saw the severall lettres and orders written by the Master of Staire, Sir Thomas Livingstoun, Collonell Hill, and others, quhich are not yet sent, but was laid befor the parliament quhereby he will more fully see the traine of the busines, and, I dout not, afterwards will doe quhat is just therin. But I hope he will not think that any of these persons are to be pursued as eriminalls; but rather the unhappie and rash exeeuters therof may be tryed, quhich in my judgement may be done aither befor the Parliament or Justiee Court, as the King pleases. I know yee doe not mueh medle in seeular affaires; but I have presumed only to give this little short information, for yee will see it more fully in our journalls; but all this is hasten on befor the parliament that a eitation may be granted against the Master of Staire, that therby he may be ineapaeitat to serve in that station. But surely if the King had first seen these lettres, he could best judge quhat was truely the designe and thing comuned betuixt the seeretar and him, and therin might have better determined himself aeeording to his

royall wisdom and justiee ere it had eome this length, quhieh had been agreeable to many people's judgement, though I feare by the plurality it may be caried otherwyse. Braedalbane was summarly comitted upon ane information of a treasonable treatcing with the Highlanders when rebells; that was brought into the house from that same eomittee. I heare he hath his majestic's approbation of quhat he did in that matter, but he hath never yet applyed to the parliament for his releasement, but rather expects it from that airth.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares.

Edinburgh, 7th November 1695.

77. Deare Sir, I was told by my Lord Advocatt of your frequent kynd remembrance of me by yours to him, wherof I am veric sensible, and returnes yow my thanks for all your civilities to me when I was with yow ther,—for which yee may justly claime all the freindship and service I could doc yow, wer aither of them of any great value. All honest men are extreamly satisfied of the King's safe returne, and, by the blessing of God, that he hath had so successful a campaigne; quhereby, quhatever may be our litle privat animosities amongst ourselves, yet therby the peace and safety of the Kingdome is so mueh continoued. Yee may possibly have heard by others how much I strayed from some of my good neighbourcs in my judgement of some things in the late session of parliament, and some may call it worse; but I shall ingenuously tell yow the most of them that wer matters of publick concernment or debate. The first was about the old President, whom some endeavourcd to cast and quyte disgrace, wherin I did appeare with some compassion, and I thought justly, to ane old man that had served so long, and really hath done alse great service to comunicat the knouledge of the Scottish laws to all the leiges as ever any went befor him: and I think it seemes now a veric short tyme will putt him to ane end. The other was the layeing open the busines of Gleneoe immediatly to the eognizance of the parliament without acquainting the King, conform to the tenour of the Comission granted about that affairc. And the next—the thing being brout in a hurrie—that I demurred about the granting of the 1,000 men for Flanders, as not being myself sufficiently impowered by

my eonstituents for quhom I serve to give the bodies of men. Besyd, the last that was given of that kynd, in Duke Hamilton's session of parliament, oeeasioned a great ryot in our shyre upon my neighbour Craigend's house. After he had seazed two men to send out, ther gathered fourty or fyftie men in armes besyd many women, assaulted the house, and earied away the men, and eertainly had done miseheife to him had he not been from home at the tyme. These wer the most remarkeable; and for the most part of other things, I aither joyned with them, and was for greater dispateh, or then it was not mueh to be compted of, and every man might use his oune freedom. This is the first tyme I eame to toune sinee the parliament; and I hope all these things will quiekly goe off: only I hope, forgive me, that I doe so familiarly give yow ane aecompt of quhat eoneerns my self, that yee know both the worst of it.

I heare my Lord Portland is pleased to remember of my name; but I fear it wer but to tryfle his tyme for me to trouble him with any thing from me. Only, if yee think fitt at any tyme to let his Lordship know that I am his verie faithfull servant. And, pray, forgett not honest Coltnes whom I left with my Lord to be remembered by yow.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to [Sir James Stewart, Lord Advocate].

Pollok, 16th Deeember 1695.

78. My Lord, I had the favour of yours of the 13th instant; and though that severall tymes befor I was loath yee should have made so long a journey, yet now ther is sueh a neeessity for it, that I am extreamly satisfied the King hath been pleased to eall for yow. And I see by whose proeurement it hath eome about, to whose judgements I think most of good knowing Seottish men would trust alse mueh to as any two I know about the eourt, as being most impartiall in our affaires. Yee lykely may be putt to it to use greater ingenuitie and plaines in many things, and as to persons that otherwyse yee would not inelyne; but I think God hath speeiallie in his providenee putt this opportunity in your hand, and I hope he will direet yow in it, that thir seandalous divisions of ours may be brought to some more peaeeable aeeomodation. I know it may be justly reekon'd presumption on my part in giveing yow my judgement in the

matter, and on the other hand, I cannot be so unconcerned in a matter so much may concern yow as to be altogether silent (but with intire submission to your self to make quhat use of it yee please,) matters is come to that passe with us, and some considerable men, and honest men I doubt not, on both parties, that one syde cryes out that the trust is much laid on some that are naither upright nor steadie, and when ever ane opportunity offers, would ruine all; and the other may saye that the jealouse and unpeaceable, turbulent, hie humour of the other cannot be born with: and if the King give the victorie intirely to aither syd, undoubtedly whatever partie is worsted will be irreconcealable. And the import of this is great, so that I wish fairly both may be removed, and some other honourable posts may be assigned them becomeing ther merit. This may disoblidge two, but I hope will not disoblidge all thes parties, but that they may fall in more unitly to serve the King. And if he shall be pleased happiely to make choyse of your self alone, or in conjunction with any other he pleases, I doubt not itt would be most for his oune service and the weele of this poor countrie; although, if this should be, I would alwayes regrate my oune particular loss to want your good companie, and I am sure I should care litle more for Edinburgh. I have nothing to trouble yow with wher yee are goeing, but wishes earnestly God may direct and guide yow, in this concerning journey. My service affectionatly to Carstaires, or any other asks for me. My wyfe gives yow her humble service, and beseech yee may doe her the honour and kyndnes to let her have your picture to the knees in your black advocat's gounc. Quhatever yee may come to after, yet this will doe her turn, if the face [be] weell done: and for that end hath written the inclosed to nephew Walter to keep yow at it. I beseech the favour to heare from yow, which will exceedingly oblidg us all, and shall be noe wayes abused. Adieu!

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Bentinck Earl of Portland.

February 1696.

79. My Lord, That the King should have been graciously pleased to conferre this honour and trust on me, of being one of the Comissioners of his Maiesties Treasurie heir, I owe it more to your Lordship's mediation then my oune

meritt. And in return therof I resolve faithfullie to use my outmost diligence and exaet attendanee on that may eoneern his Maiestie's serviee therin, with that equality and justiee to the lieges as, I presume, is aluays most aeeeptable to his Majestie's inelinations. And as I doe heirby thankfully aeknouledge the great obligations I stand under to your Lordship, so I most begge your Lordship will be pleased to eontinoue your proteetion to me from any calumnis that afterwards may aryse against me : wherin I shall never presume to burden your Lordship further then I be not able elearly to vindieat my self. But hitherto I have lived at peaee with all men, and shall endeavour so to eontinoue, and speeially that I may deserve the charaeter of, my Lord, your Lordship's most faithfull and humble servant, &e.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to MR. WILLIAM CARSTARES.

February 1696.

80. Deare Sir, I eannot presume so mueh on any thing else of my deserving as the good charaeter yee have eonveyed to the King eoncerning me, that he hath been pleased to eonferr this honour and trust on me. I doe not lyke to multiplie words of thankfillnes, but rather wishes for ane oeeasion wherby I may doe yow justiee by some reall serviee. I have written my thanks in plain eountrey language to my Lord Portland, quhieh I hope he will aeeept of ; and I doe firmly resolve to serve the King faithfully in my trust : and with all, I hope it is his Majesties inelination that the subjeetis should be tenderly and justly used without too great rigour, quherof people are ready to erye out, but so as the revenue be not profusely squandered. I intreat your kyndnes may be continoued, and any neeessar advyee or direetion yee think fitt for me, yee'le doe me the kyndnes as to let him have it frankly, wherby yee eannot more oblidge, your most faithfull and humble servant.

WILLIAM BENTINCK EARL OF PORTLAND to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Kensington, April the $\frac{7}{17}$th (1696.)

81. Sir, That the King has been pleased to eonferre on you the honnour of making

you one of the Commissioners of his Treasury, is onely due to his choise and to the opinion hee has of your zeal for his serviee, and to your honesty and moderation. I rejoyce heartily att the justiee hee has don you; and shall be always verry glad to contribute any thing to your satisfaetion. I do not pretend to value myself upon any thing in the least butt upon the sincerity of what I sayd to you when you where here att London a year ago, whieh experienee has shewed you. As I am absolutely persuaded that you will always eontinue zealous in his Majestie's serviee, so I am sure that you wil in his good opinion and kindnesse. As to mee, tho' to no great purpose, you may reley upon my esteem and freindship, and that I shall always bee very sincerly,

Sir, your most humble and obedient servant,

Portland

To the right honorable Sir John Maxwell, one of the Lords of His Maiesties most honorable Privij Counceill, and one of the Lords of the Tresury in Seotland: Edinburgh.

MR. WILLIAM CARSTARES to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

London, April 7, 1696.

82. Sir, I had the honour of yours, for whieh I return my heartie thanks. I am glad the Earl of Argyle minds businesse so mueh. I hope he shall have your best advice. I must say he spoke allways when he was here with very mueh kindnesse of you, and in his letters expresseth allways very mueh respect for you and confidenee in you. The inclosed was sent this night to me to eonvey under my eover, which is the occasion of this trouble from,

Sir, your most faithfull and most humble servant,

W Carstares.

To the right honorable Sir John Maxwell, one of the Lords of His Majestie's Treasurie at Edinburgh.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares.

Edinburgh, 14th April 1696.

83. Dear Sir, I had yours and the inclosed, to which I have returned my answer, to be by yow sealed and delyvered. I am mightily sensible of the honour and respect he putts on me by the good character he hath of me, and the freindship he professes for me. By this tyme yee'le have our association, which is full enough, but might have been better had ther not been some debate about words. But all wer unanimous enough in the matter, and I hope both his Maiestie's concern, and our oune preservation, will make all honest men unit in the end and designe therof. I can but thank yow for all your kyndnes, and shall ever desyre to continoue.

The Counsell and Treasurie is to be adjourned for some litle tyme till Maij.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Bentinck Earl of Portland.

Edinburgh, 14th April 1696.

84. My Lord, I was amonst those in this countrey that, ever since his Maiestie's generouse undertakeing to come into Britaine, did think myself suffeiently oblidged to venture all I had for him, who did delyver me, and many others, from the rigour wee lay under both in our religious and civil concerns, although his Maiestie had not been graciously pleased to give me the honour and trust I presently injoye. I doe confess his Maiestie might have pitched on much better; but all I can promise is, that I shall always show my readines and faithfulnes to his service. I cannot but witnes your Lordship's justice and honestie in quhat yee wer pleased to discourse to me the other yeare when I was ther, which hath been exactly performed, in so much that I think noe man hath reason to complaine, if it be not those whose precipitancie did most prejudge themselves. But I hope his Maiestie hath made a verie good choyse of persons who will give him a just information, both of persons and how all things are managed heir. I shall ever endeavour, in the methods your Lord-

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ship is pleased to express, to meritt the good opinion his Maiestie is pleased to have for me, and to retaine the sense of the honour and kyndnes yee have been pleased to putt upon,

my Lord, your Lordship's

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to the EARL OF PORTLAND, 27th October 1696.

85. I would not have negleeted to have given your Lordship ane aceompt from tyme to tyme, of our transaetions in Parliament, could I have added any thing to quhat I knew yee had from bettir hand; only I hope the King will be satisfied, and the wordle may see, how unanimously and forwardly all went alongst in quhat eoncerned his service, quhatever partieular differences wer amongst us, quhereof it seemes your Lordship had ane accompt of some quhat concerned me. And I most thankfully aeknouledge the great honour and justiee yee did me by quhat yee wrott to Seeretar Ogilvie concerning me in that matter, that his Maiestie was pleased to retaine so good ane opinion of me, beyond quhat I can pretend to deserve. My Lord, ther is now at his Maiestie's disposeall one of the most important places in this Kingdom—I meane the President of the Session's chaire—quhich requyres certainly a verie compleat man, both as to his abilitie as a lawer and of great temper and conduct as to his counsells in government, quherein by his place he hath so great a share in. To this it's mueh talkt that Sir William Hamiltoun, one of the ordinar Lords is to be preferred, as to whom I have noe partieular prejudice. I shall only crave liberty humbly to lay befor yow my thoughts, with submission to your better judgement, that quhatever may be his abilities as a lawer—quhereof I am noe competent judge—yet quhat by his unaccomptable zeale in a eomittee of the session of parliament '95 to vacat that place, befor the late Viseount of Staire was removed by death, and the maner of his behaviour and earieage in other publick matters, I feare it may tend more to divid then unit the counsells of the Government: quhich is certainly of great import, and much to be avoyded, seeing I doubt not a fitting person may be had to the good lyking of all people, fully alse able a lawer, against whom none of these objections ean be made. Your Lordship may remember I did speake to yow about Sir Thomas Stewart of Coltnes. He

is my Lord Advocat's brother, and my brother-in-law; who, by reason of his sufferings in the late tymes, had great loss, and his numerous familie, now in straite, was reeomended to the King by the parliament in the 1695, for some favourable supplie from his Maiestie to him in his old age, who alwayes hath been steadie and honest to the King's serviee. Therfor I most intreat that your Lordship would give him your assistanee that he may be allowed a share of the King's bountie, in any way his Maiestie shall think fitt; quhieh I may say ean hardly be bestowed any wher that will be better lookt on by people of all sorts heir. I hope your Lordship will pardon my plainnes and freedom in these things, who am ever.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Carstares, 27th Octoher 1696.

86. As I promised in my last to yow, I have written the inelosed to my Lord, that he may be pleased to aeeept of my thanks, in verie plaine language, for quhat he wrott eoneerning me. It hade its oune weight heir, that I had so good a patrone as his Lordship. And with all I have ventured a step further to give my judgement freely of another person, that his Lordship may make his oune use therof; but though I forbeare to name any bodie more fitting, (as not haveing his warrant for it,) yet surely my Lord Advoeatt is the man, upon all aeeompts, that I presume would be most aeeeptable to all parties and the whole liedges. But yee know that he, and many other honest men, had so hard and barren a winter in the late tymes, that all this harvest he hitherto hath had hath not put him in so opulent a eondition as to live weell in that eharaeter, and leave suteable portions to his ehildren, unless that he be supported therin by ane additionall provision from the King to the ordinar sallarie, as was done by his predeeessor to Sir George Loekhart in the lyke ease. I left it with my Lord that yee should mynd him of honest Coltnes, quhieh I hope may give yow the better aeeess to speake to him about it. I know both the seeretaries are friendly; but espeeiallie our oune Sir James will remember Gospell Coltnes, as he ealls him, quhieh Knighthood was given him from Mr. Pen, the Quaker, as his partieular merit in the worst tymes.

MR. WILLIAM CARSTARES to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.]

London, Dceember 1, 1696.

87. Sir, Yours was very aceeptable. Earl Portland is your constant unaltered friend. I should be glad to have the honour to hear more frequentlie from you; for your thoughts of things will have weight herc. Therc is an apprehension of an invasion upon Scotland; and I know, sir, it will be your concern to keep his Maiestic's scrvants as united as possible in vigorous acting upon this oecasion, for thc seeuritie of the kingdom and his Maiestie's serviee. I must presume to begg your favour to Mr. Pringle, the sccretarie Deput, that his allowanee may be made good to him; for he is farr behind, and is a modest and honest gentleman. I am, sir, heartilie yours to honour and servc you.

SIR JAMES OGILVIE, Secretary of State for Scotland, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.]

Whitehall, 2d March 1697.

88. Sir, It is verie proper that I doe hear somc tymes from yow nou when the Duke of Queensberie, with whom I did eorrespond, is heir. I would glaidly havc a planc from yow hou long the founds can mantaine the forces; and lykewayes answer the most nccessarry of thc exegences proposed in parliament. This will help us to take mcasures heir. It is no doubt proper to manadge the founds to the best advantage; for till thcy runn out, no new subsidie ean be expected. I doe bcleive Sir Godfray M'Kulloch most be dcad befor nou; for ther is no remission gone to him from hencc. I have aeeompt from thc Justiee Clerk that he was guilty of a plaine murdcr, and therfor it was not fitt to dcsyrc any favour for him. Thc storie yow wreit of Bargarron's daughter is vcrie winderfull; and to have a full and eircumstantiat accompt of it is indeed vcrie neeessarie. Let me lykewayes knouc what yow are doeing in thc Thesaury towards the payemcnt of the troupes.

I ame, Sir, your most humble scrvant,

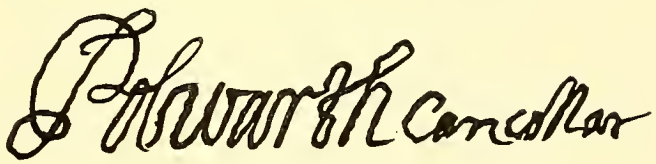
JA. OGILVIE.

Sir Patrick Hume, Lord Polwarth, Chancellor of Scotland, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.]

Edenburgh, 16th Aprill 1697.

89. Sir, I have, according to my promise, forborn to invite you in to toune as long as possibly I can. Now since we were disapointed of meetings of Treasury and Exchecquer for want of a quorum upon Wensday and Fryday last, the Lord Raith's condition of health having hindered him not ansuer my call, I must intreat you earnestly to come in upon Munday nixt that we may bestoue the week upon publick business, and that I may gett the moneth of May of vaccation to refresh me in the countrey, if emergent occasiones will alloue it. I hope you will, not only with regaird to the publick affaires which press, but also with complyance to my case and accomodation, be at the paines to make this journey. I am, Sir,

Your very affectionat humble servant,



Sir James Ogilvie, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Whitehall, 17th Aprile 1697.

90. Sir, I receaved tuo of yours, on of them in favours of Pardevan. I ame soric I cannot serve him effectually since yow recomend him. I ame not in waitting, and my collegue inclynes to preferr aneother to be governour of Blackness. As for your other, which is concerning Theasurie affairs and the witches, all the returne I shall make to it is that the King does expect that yow of the Theasurie will bring Theasurie bussiness to clearnes; for till then ther can be

no direetions given. Yet the Duke of Queensberrie, my Lord Tullebardine, and I are to be with his Majestie on this subjeet, and yow shall be aquanted of what passes. If yow doe proceed against the witches, let it be upon good and sure grounds, or vtherwayes yow will not escape the sensure of many of the English, who doe scarcely beleive that ther is any sueh thing as ane witch. This is all from,

Sir, your most humble servant,

Ja. Ogilvie.

Sir John Maxwell.

Sir James Ogilvie, Seeretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Whitehal, April 27, 1697.

91. Right Honorable, The King is nou pairted for Holand, and al things goes on verie weal. If God preserve him, wee make no doutt to have ane honorable peaee. Wee have no eheanges. Some are added to the Counеel, the Earls of Buehan, Mar, and Loudon, and Sir Patriek Murray. We have also three Earls, Lord John, Lord William, and the Chaneelour. They are to proceed as they are named. If ther is ony difficultie as to Lord William's tytle, whieh is March, some pretending that it was on of the Duke of Albany's tytls, I think the ansuer plain, that it hes been injoyed by the Dunbars, the Stuarts, and Douglass, and last of al by the Duke of Lauderdale. So ther is nothing new in this, nor can the Duke of Albany nou use it, after it hes been so long possest by privat subjeets. The Duke is mightilie eoneerned that this should meet with no rub or opposition. You will hear of what elee is past. I am,

Sir, your most faithful servant,

Ja. Ogilvie.

Sir J[ohn] M[axwell.]

Sir James Steuart, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Edinburgh, 3 September 1697.

92. Sir, I have yours. Your freind and mine purges himself of any promise, but is so strong in this purgation, and so weak in that of the abuse done to his client, that I supeet he hes wronged her cause, whieh I am heartiely sorrie for. Manie is beeome mightie averse in that mater: her exeeption is personal, beeaus of his having bein afflicted, when young, uith the evill. She protests she kneu not this while she eame to Edinburgh, and I have used all persuasions to bring her over, and she has taken a litle time to advise. I belive there may be other reasons suggested to her as to the condition of his estate; but if I can bring her over the first reason, other seruples uill evanish. Houever, we ar obliged to coneeal her reason with all closness, and I wish my sisters would write plainly and freely to her, which I had desired by to-morroues post, if yours had not prevented. I am grieved at the heart for my sisters truble: The Lord comfort and help her! I have prepared the disposition of the Gutters, that Wattie, nou that he is eome with his wife, may subserive with the rest; and I hope to resigne the first Exeheeker, and end that bussiness. For Seabegs, I ineline to write to him that if he satisfie you not, I will persue him eriminally, and I would send the letter to you that you may write uith it what satisfaetion you expect. This letter you may expeet by to-morroues post, if not this night. I am,

Yours,

Sr. Ja. Steuart.

Sir, I think that Seabegs may look on my writing to him as a mere threatning, and therfor, on seeond thoughts, I am of opinion that Criminal letters are the best eours, and I would have you send again to Alexander and try what he ean informe more, and send me all the information ean be had, and I shall raise the letters.

For Sir Jon Maxuell of Nether Pollock.

SIR JAMES OGILVIE, Secretary of State for Scotland, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok].

Whitehal, September 7, 1697.

93. Right Honorable, I know you arc in the countrey, and therfor I cannot expect to hear from you of what concerns the King's serviee ; bot I most intreat to know if my Lord Montgomerie be lyke to sueceed in his amour with my Ladie Dundonald. It will be a greal discuragement too him if this fail him. My Lord Arran hes spok to me of it, bot I belive my Lord Yester will be preferred. The Earle of Eglintoun is put to difficulties becase his pension is not payed. He sayes therc is ouing him five or six hunred pound. I intreat you will befriend him ass much as you can, and therby you will verie mueh oblidge,

Right Honorable, your most humble servant,

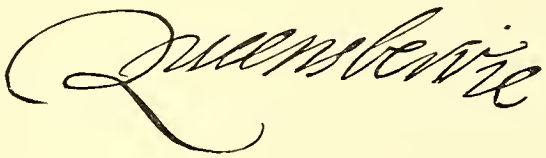
JA. OGILVIE.

JAMES SECOND DUKE OF QUEENSBERRY, Lord Privy Seal, etc., to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok].

London, January 15, 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

94. Sir, I give yow many thanks for the trouble yow take in writing to me, and I hopc yow will continue. The King, as yet, has not made his pleasurc knowen about our affaires, but he has now determined that point in debate betwixt the Treasorie and the Auditors : and tho' it will occasion the Lords of Treasorie some more trouble, yet I hope they will not grudge it. I doubt not but some of the auditors may be backward enough, of purposc to put the blame upon the Treasorie ; for which I think wee should push the harder to have thesc accompts brought to a conclusion, which the King is very desireouse to have done befor the parliament meets. If ther be any stops made by the auditors, I should be glade to know of it ; for if I be here, I shall take carc to have it so reprcsented to the King as the blame may not lye at the Treasory's door. I hear that the new tacksmen of the customes depend absolutely upon the Chancellour and my

Lord Annandale, who wer the great opposers of their getting the tack, and was obtain'd in their favours by other people, to whom I understand they have no great respect now. I had allwayes a good esteem of Sir Archbald Muire, and thought him an honest, reasonable man; but if he be takeing the measures that wee are told here he is, I shall quickly change my oppinion of him. If it had not been for us here, they had never got the tack, and those that opposed them reproach us yet for our pains; and it's hard that to the bargaine wee should be slighted by those wee were so much freends to. I am also inform'd that all the Treasorie precepts are payed by Jerviswood, except mine, tho' I have allwayes been considered next to the Chancellour. Be pleased to tell Jerviswood from me, that I think my selfe ill used by him, and if he continue to doe so, I must complain of it; for since I was allwayes rank'd next to the Chancellour, I think my payment should be so too. I beg your pardonne for giving yow so much trouble in this matter, and I hope yow will see it rectifyed. I am sincerely, dear Sir John, your most humble servant,



Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Pollok, 24th September 1698.

95. My Lord, Acording to the freindship and familiaritie yee wer pleased to use me with when heir, yee allou[ed] me to be present with yow when persons wer named for the vacancie in the Session. The two then thought on fairest for it wer Mr. Stewart and Elphingstoun; but since I came heir, I heare Elphingstoun hath prevailed with Mr. Stewart, by his importunity, to lye by, quhich I would not have expected, if it be true: for I most plainly say, I thought him by far the fitter man. But if Mr. Stewart continoue in that mynd, I humbly presume to intreat your lordship that some person that have given undoubted proofes of

ther steady affection to this government, ther probity and sufficient abilitie to discharge that important trust wherin the honour of the government, and the justice of the nation, is so much concerned, may be thought upon. I cannot undertake for any man to be exactly of this cutt, and that he shall continoue so; but though I have never spoken to Sir Gilbert Eliot on this head, nor knows he any thing of my wryteing to your lordship, yet, with submission to your lordship's judgement, I hope he might doe weell in that trust, and be satisfieing to most honest men in this countrey, if yee be not alreadv under greater pressures from other airths. But if yee give us a good man, all the wordle will say yee deale uprightly. I give my humble service to my lady, and am ever.

Sir John Maxwell to Mr. William Carstaires.

[24th September 1698.]

96. Dear Sir, I am unwilling needlesly to give yow the trouble of myne, unless ther be something worth your concernment. Noe doubt ther will be a great strugle and forking for the vacancie in the Session, and two wer thought on when my Lord Seafield was heir; one Comissar Elphingstoun, a wryter to the signet, and Comissar Stewart, uncle to this sheriff of Bute; both of them related to the President by ther ladies. But the last was judgest the fittest man, yet the other hath been so importunat (I judge) that he hath gott Stewart to lay asyd his pretensions, as I heare: and if he continoue so, I should wish, so far as comes your waye, yee may laye out your self to help us to the best choyse can be gott. I heare Sir Gilbert Eliot, if it come to him, will accept of it. Though I never spoke to him on it, yet the man hath given good proofes of his steady affection to the government, and I doubt nothing aither of his integrity and ability which would make him acceptable to many of your best freinds heir, and I think noe bodie could say but it wer a faire choyse; but this I leave intirely to your consideration, and am ever, sincerely.

JAMES FIRST VISCOUNT SEAFIELD, Secretary of State for Scotland, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.]

Whitehal, October 8, 1698.

97. Right Honorable, I shal take it as a favour that, in any thing that either eoncerns the publiet or myselfe, that you give me your adviee. Wee have at present no great need of filling the vaeaneie of the bensh. It was keept long vaeant, befor my Lord Whitelau got it, and the King uses to advise weeks befor he dispose of imployments that are important. The præsident is a verie great friend both to eommissarie Stuart and Elphinston, and they are both verie intelligent and are parlament men, and gave us ther assistanee in what was desired by the goverment. Sir Gilbert is, no doubt, suffieient, bot it will not be ane easie mater to supply his post; and ther will be many prætenders to it. I doe in this, as in evrie thing elee, give his Majestie ane faithful aeeompt of the persons reeommended and ther eharaeters. Wee wer in hops of the King's return within three weeks, bot it is thought it will be the end of November at soonest. My wife gives you and your lady her humble serviee, and I am,

Right Honorable, your most humble servant,

SEAFIELD.

Duke Hamilton stil reeommends Wisha.

ARCHIBALD TENTH EARL [afterwards DUKE] OF ARGYLE to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

London, Deeember 29, [1698.]

98. Sir, I had yours anent Mr. Carstairs' affair. I eannot think but when the Chaneelour thinks better on't, he will not goe into those measures; for I understand Earl Tullibardine has this tyme past amused him with saying I designed his plaee. I have given him it under my hand to be as false as hell;

that I have no such designe; and that I lyke my own imployments better, and would not exchange with him: so that he may belive mee. I fynd the Chancelour sends the flying packetts verie thick, and from severalls Tullibardine has accompts of all that passes; and whatever he is advysed to move the King in, ther are letters sent him to read to the King; for, indeed, his own arguments are not verie prevailling. He eandeavours to magnify this matter of the East India Company, thinking to fright the King to his meassures. As to Whytclaw and other his projeets, eare will be taken to aequaint thee King of all those litle artifices; but it is absolutely necessar that Lord Raith and yow meett, and anie others of our freinds, as yow see fitt, and let us have your thoughts in matters frequently, and of what passes, with the eireumstances which may be improved. About this tyme yow will be setling the subsistance upon the establishment. The pay of the gaurds is so small that treuly subsistanee will not goe far; but if yow can doe no better, let officers have half-pay for subsistanee, the sub-brigadiers 2sh. 6d. a day, the gentlemen 2sh. a day, and the trumpets 3sh. a day: becaus I have took on new ones at a dear rate, yow shall have extroardinarie musick. When yow come to propose the subsistance, comparing it with thee whole pay, yow will, I judge, think it reasonable; and as for the Commissars, I will not allow them the odd 6d. a pound, nor ought the gaurds be remov'd for ther conveniencie, they being now in ther propper post as gaurds. But besydes they ow a tuelmoneths' intertainment wher they now are, the Inglish being so farr in arrear to us; so that it were destructive to our creditt to remove them untill we receave monie from Ingland, and not give our ready monie wher wee have been so burthensome by running so far aseore. I intend, by turns, to wreitt to yow and Lord Raith, to whom, pray, give my humble serviee, and I shall take eare to aquaint yow tuo of what passes in this plaee. I have aquainted the clark of the troup that I have wreitt to yow anent the gaurds. You will hear Earl Sunderland is out, and it's thought the parliament will yet attackt him. I am afraid my pen is so bad, and so consequently my wreitt, that you'l scarce read it. I am yours, adieu.

JAMES VISCOUNT OF SEAFIELD, Secretary of State, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Whitehall, January 23d, 1699.

99. Right Honorable, I have not been impowered to acquaint any person with his Majesty's resolutions concerning our vaccancies till now, or otherwise I had written to you sooner. I find that my Lord Carmichael will be my conjunct. He has been allwayes faithful to his Majesty, and has been my particular friend; and therfor I am well satisfied with his Majesty's choice, and I shall heartily concurr in it. I had alwayes inclinations to do you service, and if the Justice Clark will accept to be Treasurer Depute, I can answer for it, that you will be setled to your satisfaction: but if he refuses, you will be made Treasurer Depute. The Earl of Lauderdale getts the Earl of Rugland's place, and ther will be some other alterations with which you will be satisfied. And I find his Majesty is positively resolved to follow out his measure, by encourageing those who concurr'd in his service; and if we but continow to aggree togither, we may be useful to his Majesty and to our country, and designs will not easily succeed against us. I woud willingly have it in my power to do service to our African Company; but I find nothing can be done untill his Majesty be acquainted with their particular design and project. And it is most unnessessary for them now to keep it secret, for very soon we will have it from the plantations. Their ships are safe upon the coast of America. They writ concerning them both from St. Thomas and Currissow; and these letters inform that they are landed at St. Catherin's, an island 60 leagues distant from Darien. It's said that it is not wholsom; but yet it is thought that the Spanierds will be ill neighbours to them. I am sure the best method is, that we have particular information of the grounds of their project; and you may take your own method in this, for it is my serious desires that the Company may succeed, which has made me writ this. I hope I shall have the occasion of writing again very soon, and so I am,

Right Honorable, your most faithful and most humble servant,

Seafield

Sir John Maxwell.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, 28th January 1699.

100. My Lord, I had the honour of yours of the 23d instant, and thinks the King hath made a good choyse of my Lord Carmichaell, a person so acceptable to many in the kingdom; but I, with many others, are made to wonder that the bantar was continoued so long both heir and ther, that your lordship did not give some hint of it to your best freinds heir. That my Lord Justice Clerk should have his choyse of these two places it is but reasonable, if that be the King's inclination; but I shall only beg, befor I be any wayes changed in the place I now have the trust of from the King, your lordship be pleased to give me tymeous notice of it, and I shall with all ready submission give yow my return; for it's noe wayes acceptable to me to heare my name so much tossed, quhercof I can give noe accompt. I have now for a good tyme given proof of my steadiencs in the King's service, and ane upright concurrence with my freinds for that end, which I resolve not to alter. As for our African Companie, I have naither much credit with them, nor doe I much medle in it; but they much complain of the coldnes they meet with in that affaire, and I have heard them run pretty hie upon it, quhich will aither break out in some representation, or they will quickly moulder away. I doe return your lordship my humble thanks for all the undeserved kyndnes yee are pleased to express for me, and shall ever continoue.

Mr. William Carstares to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.]

London, February 4, 1699.

101. Right Honourable, It was no small grieffe to me to find, by your letter to my Lord Seafield, that you had any thing like a displeasure as to what is designed for you, nothing haveing been intended but what your friends did judge would be fullie satisfieing. The places of Justice Clerk and one of the Lords of Session, in one person, were never proposed for any but your selfe, and much lesse

were they ever offered to any; and that way might be made for this, it was necessarie to know the Justice Clerk's place was to be vacant; and if it had not been so, then, Sir, you were to have been Treasurer-Deput, and thus, in all events, were to have been particularlie considered by his Majestie. And, Right Honourable, that I may presume to use all freedom with you, I shall take the libertie to say that the supplicing the vacancie of the Session so as not to bear hard upon some friends, and yet give a generall satisfaction to others, was the only reason why this expedient was proposed of joining the two places mentioned in your person, that there might satisfaction be given to all parties as much as was possible. Nor was ever what was designed for you mentioned to any in Scotland till that post which gave my Lord Advocat an account of it. So that, Sir, what is given to you by the King was never in the choice of any else; and if it had been in the least thought that the proposall would have been uneasie to you, my Lord Secretarie would certainlie have begged libertie to have known your mind about it; but otherwise, his Majestie did, of himselfe, think fitt that what was in agitation as to these matters should be concealed. All these things, Sir, being considered, and I knowing the interest that you have in the King's favour, and in the particular esteem and kindnesse of Earl Portland, have made bold to give my humble advice to my Lord Secretarie that the Commissions designed for you should be expeded, notwithstanding of what you are pleased to write to my Lord about them. And though it may be this is too great a presumption in me, yet I am sure it is intended with all sinceritie for the good of my countrey, the satisfaction of friends, and the contenting of honest men in generall: and I did indeed look upon it as a good providence that such an expedient came into the mind of your friends, of which I doe myselfe the honour to be one, with as much sinceritie and love as, Sir, you can desire. Allow me, therefor, to begg that you would doe me that honour as to have some small regard to the suggestions of one who is, with entire respect,

Right Honourable, your most faithfull and most humble servant,

W. Carstares.

I must add that my Lord Seafield is, Sir, your true and constant friend, which makes your last letter not a little perplexing to him. You see, Sir, with

what freedom I write, but I know what I say will be safe with you ; for it may be unfitt that what I have written should be known, considering what reports goe with you.

JAMES VISCOUNT SEAFIELD, Secretary of State for Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Whitehall, February 7th, 1699.

102. Right Honorable, I received yours, and was very sorry to find that you was under some mistakes as to what was designed in your favours. I do think that it is one of the most agreeable posts that His Majesty has to dispose of, to be Lord Justice Clark, and Lord of the Session. This cou'd not be given in your favours without acquainting the Justice Clark, who has alwayes served faithfully ; and after considering all that has been represented, his Majesty has been pleased to advance the Justice Clark to the place of Treasurer Depute, and he has signed your Commission to be Justice Clark, and one of the Lords of the Session. And tho' by this he has now lost your service in the Treasury, yet you are upon the two most important judicatories, and you are an Officer of State, and has an immediat interest in all that concerns his Majesty's service : and were I capable to serve in the stations you now have, and were it his Majesty's pleasure, I wou'd preferr it to what I now enjoy. This is to convince you that ther is nothing design'd in all this matter but for your good and advantage ; and I did proceed by the advice of your best friends here. I hope you will continew to writ to me from time to time, and I also expect that you will give your best advice to Mr. Frances* who succeeds you in the Treasury. This is all the trouble at present from,

Right Honorable, your most faithful and humble servant,

SEAFIELD.

Sir John Maxwell.

* This refers to Mr. Francis Montgomerie of Giffen, second son of Hugh seventh Earl of Eglinton, who was then appointed a Lord of Treasury.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Edinburgh, 14th February 1699.

103. My Lord, I doe with all dutiefulnes aeknouledge his Majestie's royal favour in preferring me to two so important places, which I most say is a great deale more then I deserve; and withall I doe return my humble thanks to your lordship and my other freinds, that hath so favourably represented me to the King. I hope your lordship will forgive my mistake, for I was not allone in it. My Lord Argyl and the Advocat, to whom yee wrott at that tyme, judgeing that seeing the then Justice Clerk had it in his option to aecept of the Treasurer Deput's place, or not, they thought he had his choyse of the other two designed for me; but I now find it hath been otherwyse, and I may say more aeceptable to me then any thing was ever designed for me, if I attaine to the sufficiencie as to discharge my trust in these places aright. I hope the Treasurie is in good hands, and Mr. Francis will quickly come to experienee in it, by observing the Treasurer Deputs exactnes; and he shall want noe serviee I ean do him. I shall not faile to continoue to wryte to your Lordship of any thing I think worth your trouble, and shall ever continoue with all sinceritie.

James Viscount Seafield, Secretary of State for Scotland, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justiee Clerk.

Whitehall, February 21st, 1699.

104. My Lord, I do heartily wish you joy in those two stations in which you are now setled. I hope they will prove agreeable to you, and you will find that you will have maney opportunities of doing good to your Master and to your country. I hope I need not give you any assuranees of my friendship and respeet for you. I think what is now done is a testimony of it; and were I capable to do you better serviee, I wou'd do it. I hope your lordship will continow to writ to me from time to time, and your post will now oblige you to take a litle pains and to enquire into the intreagues and designs that may be against the Goverment. It will be fitt that you let me know any suspition

or jealousie that you may have at any time, and you shall be very safe in my hands; and I will let you know any thing I understand in this plaee. I have nothing to aequaint you with at present; therfor I shall only add that I am,

My Lord, your Lordship's most faithful and most humble servant,

SEAFIELD.

Lord Justice Clerk.

DAVID HOME, LORD CROSSRIG, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL, Lord Justiee Clerk, 13th May, 1699.

105. My Lord, I have a letter from my Lord Aberuehel of the 8, and one from my Lord Rankillor of the 9 eurrant, agreeing to the adjournment of our eourt from 19 instant to August 17. I have not yet heard from my Lord Fountainhall and Phesdoe, but your lordship has warrant enough when the plurality eoneurr, to adjourn the eourt; so it is my opinion also it be adjourned till the said day: though, I must say, if the Advoeate had been at home, I would have been of another mind. I was of opinion a eommission would have done as well as we, whieh made me in eouneil to be against our going; but after that was over ruled, and that the trial behoved either to be by us, or not to be at all, I was for appointing the diet at Glasgow. I think all who pray that the Kingdom of God may eome, ought to use all their endeavours as they are ealled, to destroy the Kingdom of Satan. This profane and lukewarm generation makes a moek at witeheraft, as they do at most other sins, but I am hopefull it is not without the good eonduet of Divine providenee that the trial is delayed; and I think it ought to be all our prayers that it may please God to elear up our way to the eonvietion of seoffers, and purging the land of that abominable erime: and therefore I should be very sorry if the trial go not on in August. A great deal of latitude, not allowable in more open erimes, must be taken in this, whieh is amongst the most oeeult; tho' I wish all the further evidence that ean be had, may be enquired after. I am,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

DAVID HOME.

Edinburgh, Saturday, May 13, 1699.

To my Lord Justiee Clerk at Pollock, Glasgow.

JAMES EARL OF SEAFIELD to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk.]

Whitehall, 5th February 1702.

106. My Lord, The Earl of Hyndfoord and I have presented to his Majesty the address from the shyre of Ranfrew. He was pleas'd to receive it very graciously, and did impower me to signify so much to your Lordship, and to acquaint you in his name to return them his hearty thanks, for what they have done upon this occasion. He dos repose entire trust in their loyalty and affection to his person and government; and it is very acceptable to him that in this juncture, they have not only given his Majesty renewed assurances of their loyalty, but have also expresst their high resentments against the injurious proceedings of the French King, in owning the pretended Prince of Wales as King of his Majesty's dominions. Your Lordship may assure them of his Majesty's protection in all their concerns; and you may communicate this to them as being by his Majesty's command from,

My Lord, your Lordship's most faithful and most humble servant,

SEAFIELD.

JOHN FIRST EARL OF HYNDFORD to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk.]

Whythall, April 11, 1702.

107. My Lord, Yowr Lordship's of the 25 of March came to my hands yesterday. I shall let hir Majesty know what yow wreit, and give hir the character of yowr Lordship that yow justly deserve. The Queen is resolved that the Parlament shall sit at the time appointed; and the Duke of Queensberrie's commission is past hir Majesty's hands. Yow may assure owr friends his Grace will stand with honest men upon the foot of the revolutione, and for the Presbyterian intrest, which he desyers me to wreit to my friends in his name.

Matters, I hope, shall goe right, as yow wish ; but I hope to sie yowr Lordship shortly, and be able to give yow full satisfactione. I am, my Lord,

Yowr Lordship's most affectionat and faithfull servant,

HYNDFOORD.

My wyf and I give owr humble service to yowr lady, and to Mrs. Lilias.

JAMES EARL OF SEAFIELD, Secretary of State for Scotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk.

Edinburgh, September 15th, 1702.

108. My Lord, Her Majesty has been pleased to name your Lordship one of the Commissioners for treating the Union betwixt the two Kingdomes. The first meetting is appointed att Westminster, the 27th of October, and no doubt yow will take care to attend precisely, seing it will [be] the happines and security of both Kingdomes to have it accomplished. I intreat that your Lordship will give me anc answire to this how soon it comes to your hands ; and although I be gone to the North, it will be sent to me by Mr. Stewart, under Keeper of the Signet. This is all the trouble I shall give your Lordship att presentt, but that I am,

My Lord, your Lordship's most faithfull and humble servant,

SEAFIELD.

My Lord Justice Clerk.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Lord Justice-Clerk, to [the EARL OF SEAFIELD, Secretary of State for Scotland.]

Pollok, 21st September 1702.

109. My Lord, I had the honour of yours by the last, wherby I understand the Queen hath been pleased to nominat me to be one of the Comissioners for treating the Union tuixt both Kingdoms. I am much convinced in myself Her Majestie might have made a better choyse, but her Majestie's pleasure is

enough to determine me, both as a good subjeet, and as haveing now the honour of her serviee in the station I am to give obedience to Her Majestie's eomands therein, for ought I yet know. And when I shall see your Lordship at Edinburgh so soon as our elections are over that I can leave this eountrey, I hope wee may discourse more fully on that subject.

I am ever,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most faithfull and most humble servant,

J. M.

JOHN ELEVENTH EARL OF MAR, one of the prineipal Seeretaries of State for Seotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL, LORD POLLOK, 21st May 1707.

110. My Lord, The Queen has been pleased to grant a new comission for eonstituting a Privy Counеil in Seotland, conform to the Artieles of the Union, and your Lordship being of the number, Her Majestie has ordered me to signify to your Lordship and the rest of the Councillours who are named, that it is her pleasure that yow meett att Edinburgh and qualify yourselves as soon as possible, that the publiek affaires may not suffer through the want of a Council, to whom all proclamations and orders eoneerning the government are to be direeted, and published by yow on Seotland. I write this by eommand, and I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient and most humble servant,

Mar.

Whitehall, 21th May 1707.

To the Right Honorable the Lord Polloek.

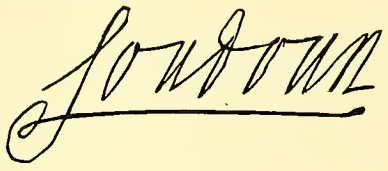
HUGH THIRD EARL OF LOUDOUN, one of the prineipal Seeretaries of State for Seotland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL, LORD POLLOK, July 1707.

111. My Lord, The Queen has been pleas'd to grant a new Commission for eonstituing the Court of Exehequer in Seotland, eonform to the Artieles of Union,

and your Lordship being of the number, I am directed by Her Majesty to give you nottice thercof, to the end you may qualify yourself, as soon as conveniently you can, that affairs which lye before that Court may have the necessary dispatch, for the benefitt of all concern'd. I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and obedient servant,



Whitehall, July 1707.

To my Lord Polock Maxwell.

JAMES FIRST DUKE OF MONTROSE, President of the Counell, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL, LORD POLLOK.]

London, the 18th Mareh 1708.

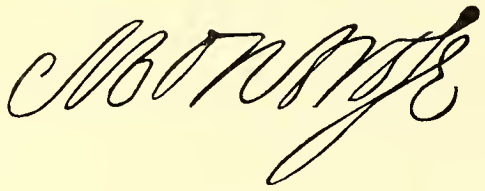
112. My Lord, The good news we reeeived this morning from Scotland, as it occasions ane universall joye amongst all honest men here, so no doubt the miscarriage of this projeet, which did so threaten us, has the same effcet amongst yow. Our countrie in generall has been represented as entirely disafeeted; tho' now it appears planely to people here that the faults of particular persons have been charged upon the whole nation. The zeall of our Clargie is verie much, and veric deservedly, applauded; and the firmery which the body of our people did shoue when the danger threatened them most, demonstrats pretty mueh how false the aspersions layd upon us have been: so that I'm hopefull it will not be so easie to impose upon people again. I should still wish, as a furder demonstration of the zeall of our countrie, that addresses were sent to the Queen upon this oceassion. I hope they will come from severall pairts of the countrie, and in a partieular manner I wish, too, that in these shyres where I have any concern, the gentelmen would shoue themselves. I have wrote to Dugalstone, whom I have disired to wait of your Lordship,

that if yow think fitt, your Lordship's interest and mine in the shyre of Ranfrew may concurr to carry ane address there. I have wrote to nobody within the shyre, save to your Lordship. I'm persuaded yow'l approove of this; and I'm sure nothing can do more substantiall good to our countrie then shoueing their good disposition at this time. The sooner the address is sent the better.

I beg leave only to take this opportunety of assureing your Lordship that I am, with reall esteem and senserity,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and faithfull servant,



Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, to James first Duke of Montrose, President of the Council.

Pollok, 5th April 1708.

113. May it please your Grace, It was so late ere I came from Pasley on Frydaye's night, that I could not possibly gett my lettres from this to the poast in tyme that night. Ther was a verie good meeting of the gentlemen of best qualitie in the shyre as could be expected upon so litle and short ane advertisement, who did all chearfully and unanimously signe the addresse, and recomended it to Mr. James Grahame, your servant, to offer it to some others that wer not present, that they might concurre with us, quhich I doubt not many of them will doe, togither with some of our peires that wer not with us, being aither at ther comand, or waiting on the Counsell: and after that, was ordered to be transmitted [to] your Grace as the first peir now in this shyre, to be presented to Her Maiestie. I would not take upon me to wryte to secretares or any bodie else, seeing ther ar so manie of our peires befor me to whom it more properlie belongs; and therfor will not presume to take any thing upon me beyond my rank, leaveing the formalitie of this intirly to your Grace to supplie.

I hope after this address that wee have now signed under our hands, as a renewed proof and testimonie of our alledgiance and adherence to her Maiestie, in opposition to all pretenders, wee need not be jealoused by our freinds in that part of Britaine: nor is it to be thought, so far as I can judge, that the bodie of the people, quhatever disgust they wer under the last yeare, would be so mad as to take part with any invadeing power, so much to the ruine of all our dearest concerns; especialie after the great care her Majestie hath shoune in sending her fleet to this coast so tymeouslie to prevent the threatened hazard wee wer under, quhich ought to be ane obligatione upon all good men but to stand by her Majestie, and to support her Government, wherin our peace and happines doth so much consist. I will not presume to give your Grace further trouble, but to assure yow that wherin I can doe yow any service, yee may alwayes comand,

May it please your Grace,

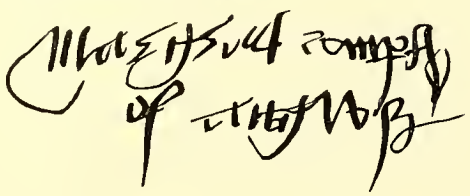
Your Grace's most faithfull and humble servant.

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC LETTERS.

MARGARET COUNTESS OF ANGUS to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
[c. 1550.]

114. Derrest eme, efter my maist hartlie commendatioun. This is till aduertis zou I resauit zour writtyng this sunday. As anent the ansuer of the person of Dougles, Nycholl Maxuell hes schawin me the samen, and thir ar the namis of the townis that I desyr to haif the teyndis in assedatioun, videlicet, the Toftis, the Wolferuikis, and the Newtoun, Vdyngtoun, and Drumabane. And gif the persone will pleis to set me the x merk land of Powfeithe, that is, of the Larde of Cradrouthis land, I wyll pay thairfor sielyk as for the other landis pertenyng to my self. Prayand zou to tak payne and lauboris in this mater, and dres it to ane final purpois, as my singuylar trest is in zou alanerlie; and quhat steid or pleissour that ze will pleis command me with salbe addressit at my powar as knawis God, quha mot haif zou in his keipyng. At the Castell of Bothuell, be

Zouris at hyr powar,



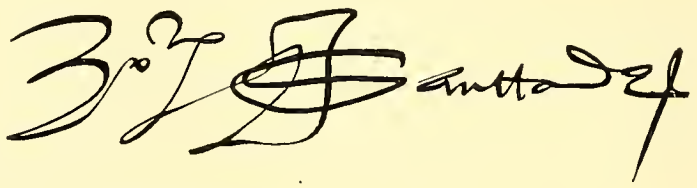
Alsua I haif writtin to the person the namis of the landis, schawand him my desyr in my maist hartlie maner: and my Lord hes writtin for me that I man pas to his Lordschippe incontinent. Prayand zou as afoir to be delegent in this

mater, quham to I haif referrit my part, and writ to me as the mater standis, and gif ze ryde to Edinburgh remembyr apon my other besanes.

To my derrest Cousyng, the Larde of Nether Pollok.

JOHN (HAMILTON), Archbishop of St. Andrews, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 21st December 1559.

115. Traist frynd, eftir mast hartlye commendatioun. Forsamekill as we haf direct this berar, our proeuratour, to haf the restis and tyndis resting be zow to ws of zour tyndis, to be payet to hym. In this trowbillus tyme, noeht dowting bot ze wyll gladlye mak thankfull payment of the samyn to hym, quhairby ze sall addett ws to remember heyrvpon in ane better tyme quhilk wyll eum sone to zour pleisour, and thankis, as knawis God, quha haf zow in his blissit keping. Of Edinburgh, the xxi day of Decembber instant 1559 : and eredit to the beirar.



To our traist frynd, the Lard of Nether Pook.

ROBERT [SECOND] LORD SYMPYLL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [c. 1560.]

116. Ryeht honorable Sehir, eftyr my verray hartly commendationis. I haif ressauit zour vritting, quhairby I persaif alwayis zour guid wyll : and as to the ward and mariaige of Over Pollok, I sehew my maister Maxvell my haile mynd thairintill or ve departyt. I nevir gaif lauboris thairintyll, as God be my Juge, bot onely for the plesur of my maister, and conforme to his mynd, safar as I euld onderstand be his speiking and zour vritting, and alwayis for zour veile.

And fra that I persavit that I culd nocht obteyne my entent of my maister, I haif translatit my mynd, and hes refarrit the haile eaus to his avne discressione, for he is wys eneuch to regard his queneianee and honor in ane gretar mater. I wyll haif na forder mellyng thairwytht; for, insafer as I haif mellit thairwytht, I haif mair dishonor nor honor. Thairfor I wyll hinder na person quhilk may be contranis to my maisteris profet, and honor and queneianee, as vald God, quha haif zow in his blissit keipping. Of Paslay, be zour freind at power,

Robart Lord Sympyll.

And quhair ze vraite to me to meite my Maister Maxvell the morne be ix houris befoir none, I beleif and his Maistersehip had ony thing in mynd that I mycht do hym plesur thairintill, he vald haif vrittin hymself: and geif he had sa done, I wald glaidly haif met his Maistersehip, and ryddyn with hym salange and quhair he had plesit within the realme.

To his veilebelouit nychtbur, the Lard of Neddyr Pollok.

Janet Lady Darnley to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 13th June [c. 1560.]

117. Traist freend, efter maist hartlie commendaeione. This pressent salbe to aduertes zow that I haif sene zour wrytteing, and hes mad zour exeus to my lord, conforme to zour dessyre. Thankand zow hartlie of zour kynd offor, nochttheles I woll nocht requyr the sammyng at this tyme; bot gyf I haif ado effter our departteing of this contray, I woll eherg zow baffor ony vther, and, God welleng, I sall kep my day. As anent zour bessines, I sall do thairin that lyis in my pouar, baith in that bahalf or ony vther theng that ze haif ado. I raffer the rest my mynd to zour frend Thomas Forret, and God kep zow. Of Cruxtoune, the xiii day of Junne,

Be zouris at all pouar,

Janet lady Darnley

To her gud frend, the Lard of Nedder Pook.

MR. HARBERT MAIXELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 25th December. [c. 1560.]

118. Eyme, efter maist hartle commendatioun. I ressauit zour wrytting fra this berar, wyth four markis in lyarttis to gif for the chalmar mayll : and quhar that ze wryt tuesching Johne Maxwell being in Edinburght lauborand at my Ladye Dernlie hand for the Kowglen, trewth it is ; bot it will nocht availl hyme, be ressone he hais ane sayr compeditour quhilk is zour gud freind, the vicar of Auld cummeraus ; and I haff bene v tymis at hyr or zour scruand come, quha standis styll at zour purpos, and sais planlie na thing salbe done in that mater quhyll scho cum in the countre hyr selff, and than sall speik wyth zov at lasar. And quhar ze wryt byddand me speik to hyr anens hyr wittallis, scho sais plainlie in that cais as zit scho can nocht gif ansuer ; becaus seho wattis noeht quhydder it fallis in hyr handis this zeir or noeht, becaus the Quene will haff my Lordis dettis pait of the fyrst and radyest thairof ; bot or Candilmes seho sall aduertys or ells send to zov. As to novellis, I haff nane ; bot it apperis to be ane storme, and that or Marehe nixt to cum. All vytheris thingis I refer to the berar, and dout nocht that Johne Maxwell sall nocht prevene zov, as sall knawis God, quhome mot haf zov in keping : wyth my hartle commendatioun to zour bedfallow and the bayrnis, gud, kynd, and faythfull Auld cummeraus commendis hyme to zov. Of Edinburght, the xxv day of December, be zour assuryt gud freind at power,

HARBERT MAIXELL.

To his traist freind, the Lard of Pollok.

JOHN HAMILTON, Archbishop of St. Andrews, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 2d December [1561.]

119. Traist frend, eftir hartlie commendation. Forsamekle as oure grinttar, Dene Alexander Tayt, hes mad his compt, and gevis wp restand into zour handis, and zour tenenttis, the haill teindis of thre zeris, videliect, lix, lx, lxi, except

xiiij libis resavit fra zour tenenttis of the towne of Polloke, and twa bollis beir deliucrit to our brouster: quhairfor, we dissire zou hartlic to caus sum seruand of zouris cum downe for zour awin part, and the rest of zour tenenttis for thame selffis, that we may caus oure said grinttar confer, and to make ane perfitte compt, as said is. And this douttis nocht bot ze will do, for this oure ressonablie request, and God kip zou. At Paslay, this secund day of December instant. And give ze or thay haif ony dischargis farther nor said is, to be broucht with thame.

Zouris,

J. Sanctandrois.

To oure traist frend, the Laird of Nather Polloke.

Henry [Sinclair], Bishop of Ross, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 14th October 1562.

120. Honorabill Schir, efter all hertlie commendatioun. Pleys witt I resauit zour writing dissyring me to rentale zow in half ane merk land. Ze sall vnderstand I vs to rentale nane bot as I am dissyrit be Maister Thomas Archibald, chalmerlane of Glasgow, lyk as I writ here presentlie to hym. Quharfor, giff he writis to me that he hes componit with zow, and dissyris me to rentale zow, I sall do it with gud will, how sone his writtyng to that effectt cumis to me, togidder with the instrument of William Anderson's renuntiatioun, quhilk I saw this day; and God keip zow. Of Roslin, the xiiii day of October, 1562.

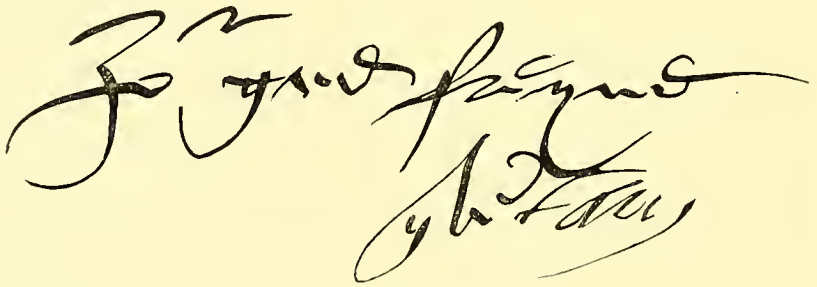
Zovris at povar,

Hen. Rosse.

To ane honorabill man, the Lard of Nethyr Pollok.

ALEXANDER THIRD EARL OF GLENCARN to JOHN MAXWELL, younger of Pollok, 26th May [1568.]

121. Rycht weilbelouit frind, eftir my hartlie commendatioun. Ye sall vnderstand that I haif beine laitlie in Strevilling; and, conforme to zour last commonyng and myne, I haif spokin my Lord Regent, and hes put that mater to sie poynt as this berer schall schaw zow be toung, quhilk is nocht necessar to wreit. Alvayis, he hes derectit letters to charge zour hous to be delyuerit with ane vryting to me to resawe the samyn of the offecer's hand. Besyddis that, he hes ordanit me to caus all the tenenttis of the Mernis, with zour fatheris tenenttis, to lay in into zour hous of Pollok thair armour and vapineis, quhilk I vald wer villinglye obeyit, vthervayis scharpper chargeis vilbe laid, quhilk I am nocht villing come to zow or ony of zouris. Zour father's escheit is offirit me, gif I will ceeept the samyn; quhilk I haif postponit quhill zour meting and myne, and with zour frinds. Gif I had nocht suttit for the samyn, vthers vald, and had alreddy procureit it. Farder at this tym I will nocht vreit, bot referris credeit to the berer, quhom I haif ordanit to taik ane inventour of sie thingis as he resawes in the plaice, zour mother and zour self to remaine in the laighe plaice, and he in the touir, quhill farder zour speking and myne, quhilk I wald vische to be in Kilmarannok, on Satterday or Sonday, aneis on the day at the farthest, maikand zour father partieipant, in quyat maner, of this vryting: and for this tym biddis zow hartlye fair veill in the Lord. Of Kilmarannok, the xxvi of Maij.



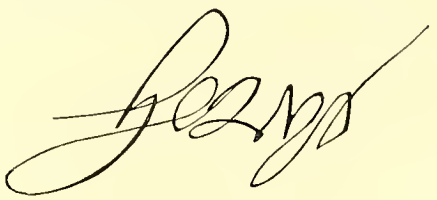
To my guyd frind, the Lard of Nedder Pollok, zonger.

JOHN MAXWELL, LORD HERYS, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
6 June [c. 1568.]

122. Cosing, Efter my hertlie commendationis. Forsamekle ze sall wit, I haif resauit ane writting fra the tenentis of the Mernis quhairby I vnderstand that my Lord Maxwell hes commandit thame to deliuer thair males and dewteis to Jhonne Maxwell, in his name, and to na vther. Quhairfor, I thocht it gude to aduerteis zow; becaus ze knaw quhatt tytill I haif to it of the Lady Maxwell, his mother, quhilk I will nocht want ane penny of the dewteis thairof, as I haif writtin to the tenentis, nother for his plesour nor displesour, and will mancteine that tytill sa far as I may of the law, with Goddis grace. Forther, the tenentis hes writtin to me, and sayis thai ar havilie burdenit with seruice. Quhairfor I will hertlie desyre zow to burding thame na forther nor resonablie ze may pleis the auctorite, and for the fauour of na vther man. Charge nocht thame bot as thay may beyr convenientlie. I truist I mister nocht to write mekle in this mater to zow becaus zour wisdom will consydder to imploy to thair eyse, allbeit thay can nocht consyder it; for commonis is hard to caus vnderstand thair avin weillis.

I wald be varay glaid gyf ze mycht haif cumit in this cuntray to haif knawin my brother sonne's willfulnes: for I haif profferit to tak frindis with him, and that thing that of resoun thay find he aucht to haif, to gyf him, or vther wayis to byd him the lawis; quhilk on na wayis he consydder, bot followis his avin willfulnes. For I will do na thing for his willfulnes, for that bring him self out of estimatione, and he will be na thing sett by heir, as ze will cleyrlie persaue, and all his kyn schortlie, gyf ze thatt is his curatouris makis nocht remeid sone. He is in that staitt that he settis by na man, nor na man settis by him. And this, cousing, is to me lamentable. I tak God to wittnes, mayr nor all the thing that he dow to do to me to be the wor. And thairfor I desyre zow to send him zour counsale, gyf ze may nocht travell zour self. And God haif zow in his keping. Frome Terreglis, the sext of June.

Zowris att power to command,



To my louing frind, Jhonne Maxwell
of Nather Pooke, Knyeht.

ALEXANDER THIRD EARL OF GLENCARN to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 23d June 1568.

123. Rycht honorable schir, and veilbeloucit frynd, I commend me hartlye to zow. Ze sall wit, that, according to zour sone's desyr, I maid sic labowris for zow at my Lord Regenttis hand as wes able to me to do, and as I wes villing to do for anc neir frind. I haif causit zour name to be dravin furth of the somondis of foirfaltour. Zour somondis to vnderlye the law, I haif in my handis kepit vnexecuit as zit, and alvayis vncertaine of zour mynd, owther towarttis the serveice of the awthoritye in tymis to cum, or zit quhat thankis or gratituid I am able to resawe at zour handis for this caus. For I haif zour escheit quhair it sall fall, as I haif lattin zour soine syc, and, as zit, hes nevir resaueit na sertanttye fromc zow, nothir bc vord nor wreit, to this houir; of the quhilk, schir, I mervaill nocht a lytlc. I ordanit my soine to speik with zow, quha, as he vreittis to me, hes resaueit na sertane ansuer of zow, quhilk, schir, I will pray zow lat me haif, of all thingis, alsveill quhat zc will do to the awthoritye, as also quhat ze will do towarttis my awin pert, and that betuiche and the first day of Julii; vthervayis, I man on foirce lat this be execuit that I haif hethirvnto stoippit. For I wait nocht bot I may haif rather disthank of the awthoritye nor thank of zow for ony thing I knaw as zit of zow; quhilk is ane verye evill recompance for my guyd will. This far I man be plaine with zow as to my frynd; and avaytand vponc zour furmaill ansuer, with credeit to the berer, committis zow to God. Vrittin at Kilmarannok, the xxiij day of Junii 1568.

Zour assurit freynd,

GLENCARN.

To my rycht veilbeloucit frind, the Lard of Nedder Pollok.

ALEXANDER THIRD EARL OF GLENCARN to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Nether Pollok, 1st August (1568.)

124. Honorabill schir, eftir hartlic commendatioun. I haif rasauit lettir this last sonday, the first day of August, disyirand me to apont with zow for zour esscheit,

or wthirwayis to mak ane dres with the tresourar, and for my panis ze sall reeompanee. For ansueir, the panis that I haif tane bygane till do zow guid, sehir, was to that effeet, that ze sould, in tymes euming, be ane obedient soget to our Sowirane Lord and his authoritie, of the quhilk I find na mentioun in zour wrytting. And gif ze do noeht the dewtie of ane soget to zour Prenee, I haif donn allradie, in my labouris, mair nor my dewtie, and eane noeht interpryis to labour fardar in zour eaus, at na hand; of the quhilk, sehir, ze man apardonn me gif my labouris haid noeht bene, haid bene put in the rank with thame that was sommonit for greitar eausis nor zour lettiris buir that ze was somonet with. And for fardar ansueir of zour wrytting I ean gif, nane will I adwyis with my Lord Regent quha, I think, will eowne me lytill thank for the labouris that I haif tane in tyme bygane. And this I bid zow fair well. Of Killmaronok, the first day of August.

Zour frend hithirto,

GLENCARN.

To ane honorabill man, the Lard of Nether Pollok.

The LORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL, then in Dunbarton Castle, [to the EARL OF GLENCARN,] in favour of the Laird of Pollok, 8th September 1568.

JESUS.

125. My Lord, efter hartlie eommendations. This present selbe to aduertisse zour lordship that the lard of Pollok hes menit vnto ws that the Maister, zour lordshipe's sone, hes causit tak his gudes and intromett with his hows and geir this last Sondaye, and hes takin the gudes of his ground and transportit thame, and presentlie is melland and disponand vpon the eornis off his manis, and hes eausit tak ane of his seruandis, eallit Andro Tempiltoun, quha is zit detenit eaptiue, notwithstanding that zour lordsehippe had promesed to his wyfe (as he alledges) to stand his freynd, and to mell wyth nane of his gudes nor houssis to his hurt; and that he had zour lordsehippe's assuranee to his self and his seruandis to pas and repas but harme. And sen it is not vnknawin to zour lordsehippe of the generall ordour takin be the Quene of England wyth

the Quene's Maiestie, our Souerane, and ane daye of meitting appoynted in England, in the meane tyme all trubill and invasioun to ceis, quhilk we vnderstude thai that ar the Quene's Maiestie's fauoraris ar willing to keip. Quhairfore ve pray zour lordschippe in respeet of zour lordschippe's promese maid (as is alledgit), as also for satisfeing of the said ordour takin, that zour lordsehippe will nocht be the first begynner to brek the same, bot will eaus reforme the foirsaidis, and restore the gentill man to his plaee, gudes, and geir, wyth his seruand that is detenit; and the same sell remane vpon the ground, to be furthe eumand. And nother the said lard, nor nane of the Quene's Maiestie's fauoraris sell dispone or tak awaye the same, wnto the tyme that ordour be takin thairanent: quhairvpon my Lord Flemyng sell becum eautioun, the premisses being fulfilled. And heirvpon we desyre zour lordschippe's ansuer. To the quhilk we refer the rest. And the eternall God haif zour lordschippe in his keipping. Off Dunbriton Castell, the viii daye of September 1568.

Dorso.—The eopie of ane wryting direet be the Lordis, of Dunbriton Castell, in favouris of the Lard of Nether Pollok, to my Lord Erle of Glencarne.

ALEXANDER THIRD EARL OF GLENCARN to the ARCHBISHOP OF SAINT ANDREWS, the LORDS ROSS and FLEMING, 9th September [1568.]

126. My Lordis, eftir my harthe eommendationis. I haif resaueit zour lettir this Thurisday at eftir noine; and as consernyng the narratywe of the Layrd of Pollok Maxvell, that he hes maid wnto zour Lordschippis eonsernyng my soine, in taking of his guyddis and geir, and in taking of ane seruand of his, callit James Tempiltoun; my lordis, my soine hes doine nathing thairintill bot be my eommand, heweing the said Lard of Pollokis eseheit of lang tym bygaine, for being at the horne for noncomperance to ane day of law that he wes somondit vnto, for eoming aganis the awthoritie at the fyld of Langsyd, and for arte and pert of sie slawchtir as wes maid vpoine the kyngis leigeis at that tym, as is eonteynit in our souerane Lordis letters to that effeet. My Lordis, I haif beine thankfull to the Lard of Pollok in tymis bygaine; and wald haif contennovit in guyd mynd towarttis him, alsweill in sparing of his geir as ony vther thing

I mycht haif doine to him, gif he had beine myndit to haif sehavin him self ane obedient subieet to the Kyngis Maiestie, quhilk he knawis wes my offir at all tymis, as I wait his wyf, quha is ane honest woman, ean testefie. And seing the eontrer on his part, and nathing perforneist to me that wes promeist be him, I ean noeht bot esteme him as ane ennieme and evill willer to the Kingis Maiestie and his awthoritie, and will wse him thaireftir. And gif he allegeis ony vther promisis of me vther thane this, my lords, he speikis vntrewlie, and sall noeht be able to maik it guyd. My Lordis, as to the mater that is in hand betuiehe ws at this tym in Ingland, I salbe als laithe to do ony thing that may impeid the quyatnes of this realm as ony subieet within the samyn. Hovbeit I haif suffrit iniurye dywers wayis be the soiowris that ar in Dunbartan, zit I owirsye farder of the samyn, that gif it wer noeht for thir present eaussis, I wald do, and at the eommand of my Lord Regent swa to do. My Lordis, I haif doine nathing to the Lard of Pollok bot be ordouir of law, and thairfoir ean noeht bot proseid be that ordouir that I vnderstand may stand be the law for na oeeasioun that he hes maid owthir to the King my Souerane, or zit to my self in partieuler, althoeht I haif gratifeit him with all thingis that I myeht do to alluir him to the serueiee of his prenee and to haif schawin ane gudvill: and nolder of the samyn in him persawit, I will proseeuite that in him quhilk I haif begoine be ordouir of law. And noeht to fasehe zour Lordsehippis with langer lettir, committis zow to God. Off Kilmarannok, this thurisday the nynt of September.

Zour Lordehippis at powar,

Glencarn.

To my Lordis of Sanctandros, Rose, and Flemyng.

Alexander third Earl of Glencarn to John Maxwell, Younger of Pollok.

10th Oetober [1568.]

127. Sir, I eommend me to zow. I haif resaueit zour vryting fra this berer makand mentioine that the Lard of Meynto on Weddinsday nixt is to persew swm of zouir tenentis to vnderlye the law for being at the fyld of Langsyd, and that I sould haif gottin ane diseharge and vryting fra my Lord Regent, as Allexander Lindssay hes reporttit to zow. For ansuer, ze sall vnderstand I haif na

vriting in that behalf. Trew it is that I laborit for them at all handis, lyk as I did for all thingis that aperteynit zouir father, and nevir man hes resaueit les thankis nor I haif doine ; and thairfoir, Sir, will mell na mair with zouir fatheris eaus ; bot let him do as he thinkis guyd, and I sall do as I think guyd. And this I bid zow fair weill. Off Kilmarannok, the tent of October.

Zouris,

Erll of Glencarn.

To my guyd frynd, the Lard off Pollok, zonger.

John Hamilton, Arehbishop of St. Andrews, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 9th Mareh 1568.

128. Ryeht traist freind, eftir maist hartlie eommendatioun. Pleis to witt that we haif mekile ado with siluir at this present, and our seruandis and granter hes sehavin how thay wer at zow and zour tennentis for the payment of the last tua zeris teyndis, quhilk ze promeist to haif in reddines lange syne. And now, in respeet that we haif ado with siluir, will maist eirnistlie requeist zow to awanee ws afoir hand with the sowme of ane hundretht merk, and ze to ressaive the payment thairof fra zour tennentis zour selff, and to be allowit in the foire end of zouris and thairis teyndis : and send the same with sum servand of zour avin to our granter, and ressaive his diseharge thairvpoin. And will noeht mak langer lettir at this present, bot eommittis zow to God. Off Hammyltoun, the ix of Marehe 1568.

Zouris,

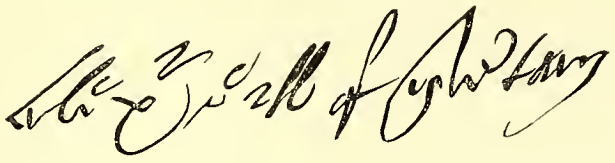
J. Sanctandrois.

To our ryeht trest freind, the Lard of Nethir Pullok.

Alexander third Earl of Glencarn to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 23d Mareh 1568.

129. Lard of Pollok, we pray zow effeetuislie, ansuer and pay Hewe Wallaee of

Memfuird and Jonett Caithkart, his spous, the sowme of xl lib. monye of the realme, quhilk sowme of fourtye lib. monye forsaid, the sammyn being payit as saidis, it salbe allowit to zow in the rest of the monej that ze promest ws for zour escheit, ye bringand this our aequicttans with zow for zour werrand, be this our preeept gevin and subseriujt with our hand, at Killmarronok, the xxiij day of Marehe in the zeir of God I^{m}V^{c}lxviij zeris.

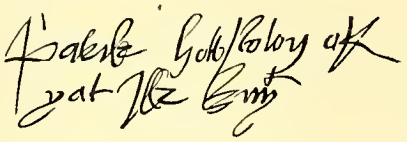


Schir, ze sall resawe Hew Wallace diseharge at the delyuere of the sowm aboine writtin, and keip it quhill ze and I maik eompt together.

Sir Patrick Houston of that Ilk to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 11th July [c. 1570.]

130. Rycht trest freind, eftir my hartlie commendatiouns. I wait it is nocht vnknawin to zow how that diuers of the nobilitie has nocht onelie interpryssit the persut and revenge for vmquhile our souerane the Kingis Maicsteis mwrthour, but als the keiping and defending of his Graee's sone, our Prenee; bot incaiee that sum disfaiwourairis, or thay quha wald noeht the said Prence rang our ws, wald resist or mak insurreetiounn aganeis the nobillis, interpryssarris foirsaidis, als seing that ze ean haue nane sa kyndlie nor native to rung nor beir reul our zow, I thocht guid to gif zow aduertismcnt that ze war als reddie as vthiris freimittar, to wit, vpone xxiiij houris warneing, aecumpaneit with zowr honest houshald, teinandis and seruandis in maist fenciable manor to pas quhair it salbe thoeht gud be the sadis Lordis for traualling and performeing of the premisis; beeaus it standis noeht onelie to zowr honour and eonfort, bot als to the greit weill of zow and zowr eftireumarris, quhairthrow als ze sall noeht onelie proeure thankis of the nobilitie foirnameit, bot als of zowr present native lord and auld maistir, quhom, God willing, I think ze sall se sehortlie heireftir. This, that ze may allegd na ignoranee for falt of warneing, and desyring zowr

ansuer heirof, quhilk may be ane note of my dilligence, committis zow to God. Off Houstone, the xi day of Julij, be zowr assurid frend,



To my trest freind, Johne Maxwall of Pollok, Knycht.

George Heriot, elder, goldsmith, Edinburgh (father of George Heriot, junior, founder of Heriot's Hospital), to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 12th October [c. 1570.]

131. Ryeht honarabill Schir, efter my hartle commendasyons. It vill pleis zow, that aifter the sycht of your wryttein, that I haif send zow syk thyngis to waill on, as I thynk sall serf your purpos this far. It will pleis to send bak syk geir as ze tak not, betuein and xxv day of this instant moneth. Fyrst, it will pleis zow to resaif zour nedill, weand thre crounis. The makin of it is xxx shillingis, quhilk vill extend x lib. As to the hyngair I offerit zow for twa crounis and ane half, apone my honaiste, ane gentill man of zour auun name eoff it fra me for thre crounis. Swa I thocht gud to send zow this vder hyngair, quhilk is, at ane vord, thre crounis; quhilk is viii lib. x s. As for taiblaitis, I haif nane lyehter nor this, quhilk veis twa angellis and xv grainis. The makin of it is twa crounis: the haill of it is xv lib. xv s. Mair thair is ane hart, that veis ane angell, vantane vi granis. The prys of it is vii lib. Mair ane ryng vith ane casone, veaind ane croune luke. The haill of it vill cost fouur lib. x s. It is of ane creim fasone. I vill promeis zov I gait xxxv s. for the peis makin of that sort. This far I thoeht gud to fill out zour memorcall in all thyngis that I hald. Is to ane pyk tuieh, I vill promeis zow, I nader haif ane, nor euld fynd ane to by for sellcir. Is to zour auld taiblat, it is not abill to be mendit, in raispaik it is sa febill and vaik. Noeht that I vill trubill zow with onne farder, bot at it [vill pleis z]ow to send bak syk geir as ze tak no [agane the day] apontit. This far I thocht gud to [nocht] for zettane my

euterpais. Not ellis, [ ] zow. At Edinburgh, the xii of Oetober,
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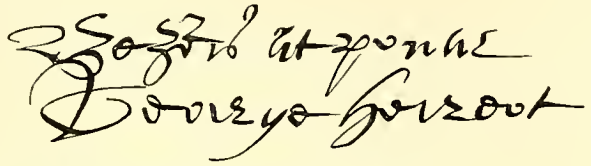


To the ryeht honarabil Schir Johne Maxwell, Lard of Nader Pooik.

The Same to the Same, [c. 1570.]

132. Sehyr, efter my hartle commendasyoun. It will pleis zow to resaif zour werk quhilk I had in makin, fra this beirar, zour seruand, quhome I resauit zour latter fra, eallit Johne Park; to vit, ze sall resaif xxxvi buttunis of gold, with zour nedill of gold, is I kan aisteim weis mair nor zour eunterpais, quhilk I delyverit to zow, xv grains, quhilk ze sowld haif send bak in raispaik it is my oblygasyoun. This far I will promeis zow, gyf I eower ane wder, I wald na wayis haif delyverit my werk without my eunterpais: swa it will zow, efter ze haif weit zour werk, that I may haif my cunterpais. Mair, ze sall resaif fra this beirair ane nedill of selleir our gilt, with ane hyngair of gold to it, with ane pykter in it as ze eraifit, quhilk will ve ane eroune and vi grains: the prys of it is twa erouns of the sone. Gyf ze lyk it not, lat it be send bak within viii dayis. The makin of the peis of zour buttunis is, at ane word, half ane mark. I will promeis zow apone my honaiste, ze haif doune xl d. of ewer ilk buttoune: it is maist trew I gait x s. for the peis makin. The makin of zour nedeill of gold is xxx s.; zour selleir nedill, seilleir, gold, seilleir and makin, is all xxx s. The treuth is, the makin of zour gold nedill consistis in the inlaik, quhilk I vill promeis zow wes xviii granis.

Summa of all that ze will be auin me, cuntane the xv grains zour buttunis veis mair nor I resauit, at x d. the grane, is xxj lib. viii s. vi d.

Noeht ellis, bot the Lord preserue zow.

Be zouris at pouar,

Geoirge Heireot.

To the ryeht honarabill Sir Johne Maxwell, knyeht, off Nader Pooik.

JOHN LORD MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL, younger of Pollok,
2d March 1573.

133. Traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendatiouns. Ze sall wnderstand that my servand, Robene Hall, hes bene at me, and hes schawin me the copy of ane arristment vpon his guddis and geir; quhairin is mentionat that zour servand, Thomas Luik, hes gottin the gyft of his escheit, quhairof I merwell mekle that ze quhom to and zour father hes bene gydar and gouernour to my servandis, that suld schaw zour self sa vnthankfull as to seik ony of thame to sic extremitie, and to that thing that can nocht stand with my honour. Quhairfor I will desyre zow to leif of sic thingis fra farther proceding quhill zour meitting and myne, as ze will haif plesour of me. Sa I commit zow to God. Off Drumfreis, the secound daye of Marche 1573.

Zouris assurit freind,

To my gude freind, the Laird of Pollok, zoungar.

JAMES BOYD of Hulherhille to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
17th January 1575.

134. Richt honorable Schir, eftir my hartlie commendatiouns. Ze haue writtin to me declaringe that thair is ane soone of Jonat Maxwellis, zour bastarde sister, deid, and scho hes ane dochter zit on lyue, that sowld succeid to ane halfe merk land in Gowane, possest be zour sister, now present; desyringe me to aduerteis zow the maner of the procedinge of that lande, and to stope all ferder procedingis in that as I may. For ansuer, zour mastership sall wit that thair is ane Gibsoune, fader brother to the boy, zour sister soone, that hes cum to my Lorde of Glasgw and me, and hes obtenit ane rentall of thay landis, reserwand

zour sister's lyferent, vnknawin be my Lorde of Glasgw and me that this las, zour sister dochter now present heir, was on lyue, and sua obtenit the rentall. Bot I causit my Lorde of Glasgw to mak reseruatiowne in the rentall, that gif thair was ony las on lyue, that thay sowld be satisfeit for thair kyndnes. And now thair is eum ane damesall, quha is sister to the last renteller, and desyris to be rentallit, and I haue referrit the dissisiowne of that to my Lorde of Glasgwis hame cuminge. Attour, I am informit, that in cais scho obtene ony rychit, scho will dispone it to vthers. Bot I sall do this far, that nathing sall be done quhill ze be aduertesit. Ze sall caws send ouir zour maill with the nixt that cumis betwix, togidder with the last discharge; for I am nocht certane how mony termes ar restand awand. Haueand na ferder oeeasioune, bot committis zow to the proteetiowne of Almychthie God. Frome Glasgw, the xvii of Januar 1575.

Be zowris assurit at his power,

James Boyd of Hulherhille.

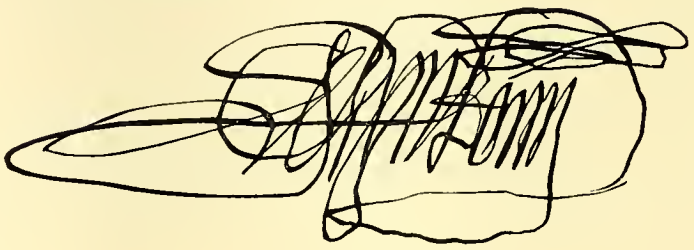
To the Richt honorable the Larde of Neddir Pollok, Knycht,
this delyuer.

Hugh third Earl of Eglyntoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 2d November 1576.

135. Honorabill Schir, eftir hartlie commendatioun. I ressauit zour lettre, and toward zour anuel ze wrait of, aceording to my former lettre writtin to zow, I left the same all in the tennentis handis, and ordanit my seruand, Andro Nevin, to collect and inbring the same owt of thair handis to be deliuerit to zow. And becaus I haue presentlie direetit the said Andro Nevin to Edinburgh with sum siluir to my Lordis Regentis graee; thairfoir ze man haue patience quhill the said Androis returne frome Edinburgh, and incontinent thaireftir I sall caus mak zow payment of zour annuellis as reasoun wald, and ze salbe no langir differit. Thus having presentlie no vther oeeasioun, committis zow in

the protectioun of God. From Polnone, the second of Nouembir 1576 : and geif credeit to the berar.

Zouris lufing gud freind assuritlie,



To the Honnorabill and my verie gud freind,
the Lard of Nethir Pollok, Knycht.

JOHN LORD MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
1st August 1577.

136. Rycht honorable Schir, and traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendationis. I doutt nocht bot ze have hard that my Lord Regentis grace hes chargit me in ward within the Castell of Blacknes; zit, vpoun cautioun, hes grantit me libertie tway myles aboutt the said Castell, and he will have na vther cautionaris bot inlandis men : quhairfor I man charge zow, as ane of my freendes, to subscryve this procuratorie quhilk will had [our awin] travellis ; as ze may persave and se be the said procuratorie I am bound and oblist to warrand zow of all pane and danger that ze may inrun thairthrow. Sa nocht doutting bot ze will do me this plesour as I salbe redie to do zow the like quhen ze sall charge, I commit zow to God. Off Blaknes, the fyrst day of August 1577.

Zour assurit freind,

JHONE L. MAXWELL.

To the rycht honorable and my veray gude freind,
the Laird of Nathir Polloke.

JOHN LORD MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
30th April 1578.

137. Rycht traist cousing, eftir my hartlie commendatiouns. This salbe to latt zow vnderstand that I am chargit be our Souerane, the Kingis Maiestie, to be at the parliament to be haldin the tent daye of Julij nixt, in Edinburgh ; and it is veray requisit that I suld be accumpaneit with my honorable freindes thair. Quhairfor I will desyre zow, as ane of the same, to mak zow reddie, vpon my nixt aduertisment, to accumpanie me, as said is. Vnto the quhilk I commit zow to God. Off Carlaverok, the last of Apryle 1578.

Zour assurit freind,

MAXWELL.

To my rycht traist cousing, the Laird of Nathir Pollok.

JOHN LORD MAXWELL to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,]
22d March 1578.

138. Traist Cousing, efter hertelie commendatioun. I vnderstand zour lettir that zour nocht cuming to Edinburgh vpoun Fryday efter the date of my lettir was becaus ze resauit nocht the same quhill the Setterday thairefter. Geve swa be, indeid, zour mother hes bene sum pairt in the wrang to hir selff. Nochttheles, vpoun zour lettir, I will suspend my jugement anent the diuersatteis betuix zour mother and zow to the last of this instant ; at quhilk tyme I will desyre zow, as of befoir, to be in Edinburgh as I hawe lykwyse writtin this vther letter to hir to the effect scho may hawe sum instructit thair the said day for hir pairt. Quhilk letter I desyr zow may be send to hir with dilligence. Swa I committ zow to God. Off Drumfreis, the xxii day of Marche 1578.

Zouris assurit freynd,

MAXWELL.

JOHN LORD MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
8th April 1579.

139. Traist frend, eftir hartlie eommendatiouns. This salbe to aduerteis zow that I wes send for be the Kingis Maiestie, vpon sehort warnyng, and am disapoyntit of silwer that suld have bene send fra hame : quhairfor I will desyre zow effeetuuslie to send me with this berar fourtie poundis at the leist, to ane gud eompt of zour dewiteis by gane, as ze wald do me plesour at this tyme. This hoiping ze will do with all deligenee, I eommit zow to God. Off Streveling, the viij of Apryle 1579.

Zour assurit freind,

To my veray traist frend, the Laird of Nathir Pollok.

LADY ELIZABETH MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
23d July [c. 1580.]

140. Rycht honnerabl eousing, efter maist hartly eommendatiouns. I haiu reseuit zour letter, quhairin I si zour freindly eair ze haiu of my weil, in omitting nathing quhairin ze may si my prafarment; quhairof I thank zov hartly, and gif I foirtoun to be that womman ze wieh me, I wil be wiling to plesour zov sa far as is in my abilitei; and as I am, ze may eommand me. I haiu schaun my mother and my father, brother, and the Laird of Kirkeonnel the letter, and thay schou it to my Lord Haireis, quha is varei glaid of the purpois, and desyrs, if ze think meit, to adverteis thaim quhat frends sal cum out with my mother to the fordering of that porpois. My mother is vary desyrus to wit geif that day quhilk ze haiu apuintit man be preseisly keipit; for schu hes sundrei ocatiouns that schu may noeht win aganis that day; and geif ze think it meit,

I pray zou, wryt ane afeetious letter to my mother, that sehu may mak delygens. Mak my mother's eommandatiouns and myn to my Lord Barnbaroche and to my Lady, hes wyf, and thank thaim hartly for thair guid wil. Noeht trobiling zou with farder letter, refaring the rest to zou, and as ze find ocatioun, commits zou to the protectioun of God. Att Drumffreis, the xxiii of Juli.

Zour luving aim to be eommandit,
ELIZABETH MAXWELL.

I pray zou adverteis me with al dalygens quhat ze think meit in al our afairs.

To my honerabil cousing, the Laird of Polk Maxwell.

[Indorsed by Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.]

"Lettre of thankis Elizabeth Maxwell, daughter to the E. of Morton, to Pollok, for his paines about her marieage to the E. of Cassillis."

WILLIAM CUNNYNGHAM of Caprinton to his Son-in-Law, JOHN MAXWELL, Younger of Pollok, 9th August [c. 1580.]

JHESUS.

141. Sowne, eftir my hartlie commendationes to zour self and my doehttir. I rasauit zour lettir for mony, quhilk is noeht in radynes zeit, as I beleifit at zour partin and myn, but it sall noeht failze to be at zou vpoun Sownday or Mononday nixt, with ane boy of my awin at the Mernis, samekle as is possible to me to gett for the present, quhilk ze salbe asswrett of; oeeationes of expenss haif sa handillit me that I haif borrowit quhill I ean haif na mair, exeept I wedsett land; quhilk ze man eonsidder. Awayis I sall keip the day foirsaid but failze. This I eommit zou and all zouris to God. At Failfurd, this Thwrisday the ix of Agust,

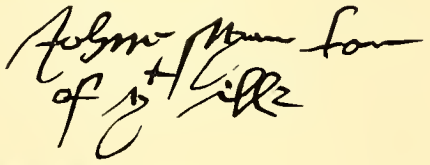
Be zouris father in law,
WILLIAM CUNNYNGHAME
off Caprintoun.

To my Sone Johne Maxwell, zownger of Nathair Pollok.

JOHN SWYNTOUN of that Ilk to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [c. 1580.]

142. Ryeht honorabill Sir, efter maist hairtlie commendatioun. This present is to putt zow in remembrenee, thatt ze ar eatioune for my Lord Maxwell, thatt his Lordsehipis servandis suld noeht trowbill na man be the wey of stowthe or reiff. And itt is of trewthe, thatt new maid Ringand, Kaipillgill, and Willie Reidpethe, quha is man to Kirsti of Barnegleis, thir men reft Georg Beg in Muxheid myn man, Kinmuntis Geordie, and his tua brether, Sandie and Willie. And new maid Ringand and Kaipillgill and Kirstie Kawartt, thir men was att the reif of my men of Kimok futt, in Dowglas. Kinmuntis Geordie and Willie of Kannabie, and thair compleees was att the reif of the Hesilsyd naigis: all thir men, all my Lord Maxwellis men, and dependis wpone na wther. And they haif noeht reft my menis geir allenerlie, bott they laimit ane pert of thame, and muitillett ane wther pairt of thaime. And latt nane of thaime mint to deny bott this is trew. For giff they will deny, I sall ether pruif it suffieientlie befoir the Kingis Magistie and the Counsell, or I sall suffer punisehment to the rigur. Bott I will persew nathing befoir the Wairden. Persew ze thair as ze think gud; for I will persew zow befoir the Kingis Magistie and Counsell. And howbeit it suld eost me all the geir thatt I haif and my land to, I sall sie quhidder they be justeiee to gett of zow or naine. Sir, maik zour self assurit, thatt, luik how rigurslie they theiffis hes bein wpone my pure men for thair geir and thatt thair blud, I selbe als straitt in the seiking remeid. Thairfoir ze sall aduerteis me in writt with this bearer quhat remeid I salbe owt of dowt ze will maik me heirintill. And I prey zow, Sir, to hald me excussit; for I will stand aw of na man, fra the Kingis Magistie downe, to seik justeiee of ane theif. And the rest refferis to zowr ansuer, quhatt I salbe owt of dowt ze will do heirintill. Committis zow to God.

Be zouris assurit freind as ze maik me eaus,



To the ryeht honorabill the Lard of Poik Maxwell.

JOHN SWYNTOUN of that Ilk to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [c. 1580.]

143. Sir, And ze be remembritt, I wraitt to zow of befoir the names of the men thatt maid the reiffis, and drew the blud of my men. Latt my Lord Maxwell call thaime befoir his Lordschippe, to sie quhidder they will deny or grantt: and giff they grantt, caus thaime to offer me redress, according to the offencis thatt is maid to my pure men, baith in geir, blud, and mutilatione, according to thair skaith. And giff the will deny, I sall try itt befoir the Kingis Magastie and counsell in Edinburgh, or ellis I sall be banisshit Scottland. Thairfoir be nocht dissaiffit with thair denyell; for putt zour self owt of dowt, I sall gett zow convict befoir King and counsell. And cum ze nocht awey quhill ze gett ane releif in ventur itt cummer zow war efterwart. Bott assure zour self I will persew na thing befoir the Wairden, becais they men ar his Lordschippis servandis, and I knaw he will be persiall judge. Bott giff his Lordschippe will caus me to haf redres, I will accept it, according to my skaithe; wtherweyis I will persew naine bott zow. Farther, thair is ane servand of my Lord of Anguss will persew Castellis of fyftie zowis of ane Symon Brounis, dwelland in Dowglas. Itt war gud thatt ze soghtt redress; for ze will be persewit for thame als. The gud [man] of the Kaivains cam catioun to the said Symon Broun for thriscoir pundis, and sum oddis: I wald zour maisterschip spak to him to gett remeid. Refferand the rest to zour ansuer with the bearer, committis zow to God, be

Zouris assurit freind to power,

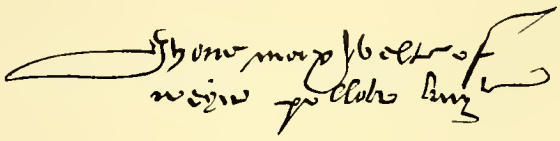
JOHNE SWYNTOUN of that Ilk.

To the rycht honorabill and his assurit freind, the Lard of Poik.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to his Son JOHN MAXWELL, 13th March [c. 1580.]

144. Sone, I commend me to zow. This present is to aduerteis zow to ressawe fra this berare twenty merkis; and I sall gar the letters and the names of the assyis

meit zow in Edinburgh, the xxii day of Merche, befoir nwne, or soner gif ze pleise. Robert Hall zeid to Edinburgh to haif met witht me Lord Maxwell, and spak witht me Lord Hereis, as his serwandis can tell zow. I wat not gif he zeid to Dunfreis; bot he was not cum hame at the wryting of this bill. All wthir thingis I reffer to meting or aduerteisment, and the Lord preserfe zow. At Nethir Polloke, the xiii day of Merche, be zour father,



Attour, I wauld ze spak witht Schir James Maxwell that dwellis at Lochmaben, quyetlie, and schaw him that me Lord Maxwellis father send him witht me to the Mernis, furtht of Edinburgh, and delyuerit me the baillerie and the capitanrie; and Hendrie Hall delyuerit me the place and the keyis of the zettis befoir the zettis; and I tuik ane instrument of Schir James' hand of the samyng, quhilk instrument I cannot get as zit, my letters hes bene sa oft changit in the cumbersum and triblus warld: thairfoir I wauld ze desyrit Schir James to luik his prodigall, and get me it, or gif he hes na prodigall of it, ze may schaw him I haif the dait of the court that I held in the place, and the serwandis names that was witnes. It was efter Lammas, in close tyme, that the court was haldin for possessioun allanerlie, that zeir that me Lord Maxwell zeid in France, because I zeid with him. And gif Robert Hall seikis twa aikirs of land and twa kyis gars, ze may say that his wyffis brethir was ay aganis me serwandis to Cauldwoll and Owir Pollok. Ze may say that I nor ze will not consent that Robert haif ony thing thair to bring thame to, he hes reset sa oft in tymes bygane, and the haill thing is bot ane small mater.

To his Sone Jhone Maxwell.

John Lord Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 12th April 1581.

145. Cusing, I commend me to zow. Wit ze that I intend, God willing, as sone as I obtein leiff to pas hame of this town, to pas be the Mernis not onlie for zour

erand, bot for syndrie vther erandis off my awin; at the quhilk tyme I sall await therupon, vtherwayis it had not bene worst thoeht ze had eum over hether about Sounday nixt, and remaine with me quhill I ryde off this towne, quhilk wil be, God willing, about Wadnesday or Thuirsday in the nixt wolk. Swa referring the rest vnto meitting, I bid zow weilfair. Off Edinburgh, this Wadinsday, the xii of Aprill 1581.

Zour assurit freynd,
MAXWELL.

To his Cusing, the Lard of Nether Pook.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 21st August 1582.

146. Ryeht traist eousing, eftir my ryeht hartlie eommendationis. It is nocht vnknawin vnto zow that sindrie tymis I haiff bene mekill detbund to my lord dukis graee of Leuenox for diuerss and sindrie plesouris sehawin vnto me quhen I had to do; quhais estait on the vther pairt I tender na les (as I am detbund) nor my awin lyfe and leving. And now this xxi day of August instant, I am advertesit of ane ehalmerlane eourt to be haldin in Edinbureht, vpoun Monunday the xxvii day of this instant, quhair he hes requyrit me with my haill freyndis and kyn to be, to aeeumpanie his graee the said day: Quhairfoir I will effeetuouslie desyir zow, as euir ze will deelair zour gude affeetioun towardis me, and as ze or onie of zour freyndis will eharge in onie of zour resonabill effairis quhairintill I may plesour zow, to meit me, aeeumpaneit with zour freyndis and seruandis in sik resonable number as the oportunitie and sehortnes of tyme may suffer, at Bigger, the xxvi day of August instant at evin, bodin and provydit in the maist honest and substantious maner to aeeumpanie me either to do his graee honour and plesour the said day. Sua awayting on zour euming vnto meting, I eommitt zow to God. Drumfres, the xxi day of August 1582.

Zour verie freynd,
MORTOUNE.

To the ryeht wirschipfull and his traist cousing, the Laird of Pollok, Knyeht.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 11th October 1582.

147. Rycht traist cousing, efter hertlie commendationis. I will effecteouslic desyir zow to remane thair at Edinburcht quhill my cuming, quhilk salbe with all convenient speid. Ze sall likwayis excuse me to the Kingis Maiestie that I kepeit nocht the day of the conventioun, becaus I resauit na lettir to keip the same, quhill Robert Mure returnit to me, fra quhome I haue this Thurisday at thre efter none, resauit his Maiesteis ansuer to my letter anent the bordour effairis, continewing the dressing of tha matteris to the conventioun for lak of ane number of Counsell. In the quhilk he willis me athir to be presentt my selff, or to haue sum thair sufficientle instructid. And becaus it is impossible to instruct ony swa sufficientle as the weychttynes of the caus requyris, I mynde with all dilligence to be thair, God willing. Swa vnto meitting I committ zow to God. Off Drumfres, this Thurisday at thre efter none, being the xi day of October 1582.

Zour assured freynd,
MORTOUNE.

To our rycht traist cousing, the Laird of Nethir Pook, Knycht.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 19th January 1582.

148. Traist freynd, efter hertlie commendationis. This presentt is to will zow that ze, incontinent efter the sycht heiroff, addres zour selff to be at ws at Dalkeith, quhair ze man attend vpoun ws the space of aucht dayis or thairby, for assisting of ws be zour counsell, as ze salbe requyritt in our effares presentlie ado in court. As also that ze faill nocht to resawe fra Johnne Maxwell in Boisfeild, the haill maillis and dewteis of the Meirnis, and bryng the same with zow; for I have writtin to hym to that effectt: quhairintil ze man be dilligent. Swa

resting to forder occasioun, we committ zow to God. From Dalkeith, the xix day of Januare 1582.

Zour verie freynd,
MORTOUNE.

Informe this berar, George Maxwell, of the lairdis name of the fyve merk land of Flook, and put his name zour self in his copie.

To his rycht traist cousing, the Laird of Nather Pollok, Knycht.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to his MOTHER-IN-LAW, wife of WILLIAM CUNNINGHAME of Caprington, 3d March 1582.

149. Richt Honorable and weilbeluiffit mother, eftir my maist hartlie commendatiounis. Pleis wit zour dochtir, my vyfe, hes tane hir chalmer abyding tyme quhen it sall pleis God appoint: quhairin I hoip, be Goddis grace, that ze and vther freindis sall ressaue greit comfort thairof to all our contentmentis. And seing zour presens is sa requisite, in respect ze ar sa deir to hir, that throw guid keping and handling, vndir God, hir lyfe onlie consistis: nocht that I meine that ze suld be hir kepar, bot hir comforter and ourseiar in hir greit extremitie, and nocht to appeir to ony in their partis frendles, hawand sa mony honorable kyn and freindis as scho hes; and besydis that being the custume that ather the dochtir is with hir parentis the tyme of hir birthe, or ellis the mother with hir. And ane vthir caws, scho feris hir selfe in respect of hir lang rest this sax zeir byganc at Michaelmesse. Heirfoir I will maist ernestlie desyre zow, for ony sted or plesour that in me lyis, to cum to Pollok to zour dochtir with sic guidlie haist as ze may, as ze will declair zour selfe ane naturall mothir and zour dewtie in sa doing, and nocht to renouat hir panis and dolouris as ze did in tyme of hir first birth, quhen as ze refusit to cum and visie hir, and be my cummar, alledgeand that, seing ze war nocht desyrit afoir hir delyuerie, ze culd nocht cum than; nor zit sa mekle as ane boye directit be zow or ony within the schirefdome of Air, to sie gif scho was deid or leuand; quhilk muiffit hir to ane greit displesour the tyme of hir lyen, and, as sindrie lernit men and wemen

schew, the onlie occasioun of hir lang consaving, not knawand the caus of hir displesour. Quhat can be mair displesant vardlie to sone and dochtir nor to be ingraitlie handlit be the parentis, and that without caus: seing ze haue als greit caws as ony that euer ze bair, and hopis be Goddis grace euer the langer the mair. Prayand zow to haue me excusit of this my hamelie dytement and to keip as said is, as ze sall haue me to imploye with sic sted and plesour as in me lyis, and think me addettit meiner of habilitie to requyte the sam. Sua havand na farder occasioun for the present, committis zow and all zouris into the protectioun of the Almichtie. From Nether Pollok, the thrid of Marche 1582.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to William Cuninghame of Caprinton, his Father-in-Law, 13th May 1583.

150. Richt honorable and weilbeluiffit father, eftir my hartlie commendatiounis. Haiffing the commoditie of the berar, thocht guid to wreit thir few lynis to zow. My toung can nocht expres, nor zit be pen, the greit dollour and hawie displesour I tak of zour wnkyndlie deilling, in nocht cumming to zour oye's baptizing, being the first cum of zour selfe, and of habilitie to ryde farder of, as ze did, at the quhilk tyme ze micht haue done baith, in cumming first to Pollok on Setterday, quhilk was ane fair day, and tyseday thaireftir, ane greit weit all day, quhen ze come to Glasgw. In zour last lettir ze mak mentioun that it is na mair abill to zow to cum to Pollok to zour oyes baptizing on Sonday, nor to caric the castell of Dumbartane, and thaireftir come to Glasgow on Tyseday nixt, ane weric foull day; quhairof I did greitlie meruell that zour habilitie seruit sa schortlie, and sa far to ryde on ane day. Quhat can be said of it bot ane wnnaturall disdanefull doing, and na thing to zour honour, nor zit plesant to me; (wnnaturall, I say,) being to ws as ze ar, neuer respectit be zow nor zour wyfe, as zour honour, dewtie, and our guid descruing requyrit, bot sa inferiouslie wsit be zow, that tyme seruis nocht to declair; as I wald haue beine laithe to haue done the lyk to ony zeman in the contrie. And zit, Schir, I think my selfe companzoune to ony barrowne within the contrie quhair I duell, ather in freindis, bluid, honouris, or zeirlie rewenew. Albeit I be bot zoung lard for the

present hopis na les, be Goddis graee, to sie zour oye, gif God lenthis his dayis and myne, quhom I pray God to mak him his seruand and blis him, aeeording to the guid apperanee. I haue ressauit of zow mony fair promisses this xiii zeir bygane, and bot selindirlie kepit: I mieht say farder gif I lykit not to offend zow: quhat euer I wryt or speik I am eompellit sa to do, and that for my lang suffering and bering with zow in zour vnkyndlie vsing of me, to my greit greiff and displesour in erediting of zour fair promises quhair sa few deidis followit; quhilk maid zow to beleif that I was eftir the eommowne prouerbe, that fair heehtis maid fuillis fane, and sua be zow as disestemit. For gif ze haid estemit me, or thoeht me ony thing worth, ze wald haue beine laith to haue maid ane promeis and noeht haue kepit it; besydis in noeht doing zour dewtie in sindrie vther thingis. I haue erawit zour help diuerss tymes, hawing mekle ado, and lytill to do it with, and zit na wastour nor vnwordie wratehe; and to this hour neuer euld fynd zour helpe aecording to promeis, quhilk I ereditit at the beginning mair nor ony vthir mannis hand wreit. It haid beine [zour] part, being sa obedient ane sone, and sa lytill ehargeabill to zow as I haue beine, [euir] sen my first eumming to Caprintowne, to adwansit me mair in honour and geir nor euer I ressauit, and that was lytill or nathing. In disesteming me, zour awin, and thame is eum of zow, ze dishonour zour selfe; albeit I ressauit angir and displesour, quhilk God releiff me of, and muiff zour hart to be als kynd in deidis as wordis. And in eais of zour disremembranee, sum thing I man farder wryt, quhilk I will neuer forzett, in quhat equipage zour doehter my wyfe was in, the tyme of hir mariage and bankett, thais that war present knawis, noeht as beeome zour doehtir nor my wyfe, nor zit sa weill handillit as thais that was mareit sensyne, albeit als wordie ze as ony that euer ze begat, and hopis to sie als greit honour of hir: and sie lyk, the plenissing of Carnewaddrik was twa hundretht markis to me, quhilk ze promist to do, and neuir ane pennie ressauit fra zow thairfoir. Quhow kyndlie zour doehtir was vsit in hir first birth, the haill contrie knawis; and in the xvii zeir of God, quhow seho sped in hir beggin of ane laid of meill and ane vthir of malt ze knaw zour selfe; and quhow ze and I partit in Caprintowne, in Februar was twa zeir, without ane guid nycht. Quhen as I willit zow, aeeording to zour promeis and hand wreit, to satisfie me for the plenissing of Carnewaddrik, I euld fynd na fauour at zour handis, and sensyne was neuir within na hous ze haue, and

that to my greit displesour, as God is my witness. Appardowne me to lament and wreit the treuth, for nane may mend it bot ze; and, witht the greiff of my hart, I lament I haue sa mekle mater. War nocht I lyk nocht to fache zow, I culd say farder. The rest referris to the berar with credeit, quhilk war tedious to wryt. And God haue zow in his keping. At the Haggis, the xiii of Maij 1583, be zour loving sone at powar to command,

Johne Maxuell of Netherpollok, Knycht.

To the richt honorable my weilbeluiffit father-in-law
the Lard of Caprintowne.

John Earl of Mortoune, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 2d September 1583.

151. Traist Cousinge, efter hertlie commendationis. Seing I am arryweit heir, prasit be to God! and is to remane with the Kingis Maiestie quhill this conventioun be endit, I will effecteouslie desyr zow, as ze will furthshaw zour gude affectioun to my honour and weill, to tak the panis, with all convenient dilligence efter the sycht heiroff, to addres zour selff to cum, honestlie accumpaneit, to Sanct Johnnstoun, that it may be sene that ze ar my gude freynd, and glaid of my returne; swa that we may pas hame altogidder thairefter. This I pray zow to do. Swa to meitting, I committ zow to God. Off Falkland, the secund of September 1583.

Zour assured freynd,
Mortoune.

To our traist cousing, the Lard of Pollik Nethir, Knycht.

Robert Lindsay of Dunrod to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, [c. 1584.]

152. Em, I cummeind me to zow, quhom pleise to wit that I hef resauit zowr wryttin, and onderstand the affec of the sammeng. And quhar ze dessyr me with my

frindis and tennandis, boddin with jak and speir, to cum to the Mernis the day prefexssit, Schir, zowr onkyndle parsewin me schawis that ze wald newir mester me nor my frindis. Thair was anewch donc be resone for zowr kyndnas, and it culd haif bene wone ; bot I se parfytle that na kyndnis standis with zow quhar proffet may be haid. And quhar ze wryt that consangnite of bloud is nar and kyndlear nor affinite, I grant, and kyndnas war keppit. Zowr parte is als seib to me as ze ar, and heis newir falzeit to me nor mync. Quharfor ze sal beleif parfytle that ze sall nocht nor can nocht heif my kyndnes and Morray togedder ; and thairfor, als I beleif ze haf schossin the tenc, God geif zou grace to mak bettir caws to frindis to do for zow nor ze hef med to me. And nocht ellis, bot God hef zow in his keppin, be zowris at powar, as ze heif med me caws,

Robert Lyndisay
of Dunrod.

To my Em, the Lard of Neder Pollok.

John Earl of Mortoune, Lord Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 22d April 1584.

153. Rycht traist cousing, efter my hertlie commendationis. Ze sall witt that the Kingis Maiestie hes writtin to me to be at his Hienes with all possible dilligence, accumpaneit with my haill freyndis and forces, alsweill on hors as on fwte, quhilk I am abill to mak or procuir, in thair best array. And becaus ze ar my kynnisman, and ane quhome of I do speciallie esteme, I will maist effecteouslie desyr zow to be redy, with sik freyndis and serweandis as ze ar abill to procuir, to meit me at Lyntoun, vpon Fryday, being the first day of Maij nixt, with fyftein dayis fwrnesing. And siclik that ze faill nocht to tak ordour with my haill folkis of the Mernis, that they may be with zow, provydeit as said is. And swa, nocht doutting of zour dilligence in this behalff, I committ zow to God. Off Drumfres, the xxii day of Apryle 1584.

Zour very freynd,
Mortoune.

To our rycht traist cousing, the Laird of Nethir Pollok, Knycht.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 17th October 1584.

154. Rycht traist cousing, efter hertle commendationis. We maist effecteouslie desyris zow to tak the panis to be presentt at ws in Edinburgh betuix and Thurisday at evin nixttoeum, to the effect that we may have zour auise in sik maitteris as at zour presens we ar to eommunicate with zow; quhairin ze will mak na delay. To the quhilk we eommitt zow to God. Off the Canonegait, the xvii day of October 1584.

Zour loving frend,
MORTOUNE.

To our Rycht Traiste Cousing, the Lard of Nethir Pollok, Knycht.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 29th Oetober 1584.

155. Traist cousing, we haue ressauit zour letter deelaring zour extraordinare charges quhilk heirtofoir ze haue sustenit in our seruice; swa that in tymis cuming ze ar nocht of power to disharge the same. Suirlie we newir of befoir, nor as zit, was of that intentioun to preis zow farther nor ze suffieientlie was abill to beir. As for the becuming suirttie for ws in ony our adois quhilk ze suspectt presentlie, assuir zour selff nocht to be trublitt with na sik maitteris. Marie, vpon occasionis movcing ws then, we be our former letter requyrit zour presens heir, willis zow, as of befoir, effectcouslie that ze with dilligenee efter the ressait of thir presenttis, to be heir at ws in Edinburcht, for haiffing of zour auise and counsell in sik effairis as at zour presens ze salbe knawin of; quhairin na exeuse is to be pretendit. To the quhilk we committ zow to God. Off the Canonegait, the xxix day of Oetober 1584.

Zour loving frend,
MORTOUNE.

To our traist cousing, the Lard of Nethir Pollok, Knyeht.

[John fifth] Earl of Athole to the Laird of Minto [Walter Stewart], [c. 1584.]

156. Rycht traist frend, eftir oure haurtlie commendatione. We haif hard of the monifold iniuries and wrangis causles done be zour cousing, Niniane Stewart, and his complices to oure natiwe cuntrey man, and cousing, Mr. Thomas Jack, Wiccar of Eistwood; first, in inwading and stieking of him and his wyf in thair avin hows, rewing and taking away of thair dochter in wiolent maner; nixt, in perswit of his sone in law and his brethir, in hurting of sum of thame on the calsay of Glasgw; and last, in continewall persuit and inwasione of him, of his slauchter, cawsing him thairby to abyd continewallie in his hows for feir of his lyff: quhilkis ar werie hanyows crymes, hauye to the puir man, our cowsing, and worthie to be mislykit be all men of godlie behauiour and conwersatione. And hering that this Mr. Thomas, our cowsing, is alwayis innocent of theyis trubles fallin owt, willing and redie to abyd the tryall of law, and esteming zow ane fauorar of justice, inclynit to peax and quyetnes, we will thairfoir desyr zow to caus zour cousing and his compleces foirbeir from forder trubling or inwasione of our cousing and his seruandis and freindis; the rather of oure requeist and desyr, and that he is ane minister of Goddis woord, quha suld thairfoir the mair be reuerensit; wtherwayis that ze will foirwarne that we will not agre that he be forder trublit, bot will se redres and ordour tane thairin as the offence demerittis. Howping alwayis that ze will lat our freind and cowsing haif zour fauour and assistance in his just defence, as we sall be redie and willing to be imployit be zow in lyk gryter quhen occasione salbe offerit, quhairof ze salbe suir at all tymes. Sessing to truble zow.

Dorso.—"The copie of my Lord of Athollis wreting to the Laird of Minto."

[Robert Lindsay] of Dunrod to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 19th Marche [c. 1584.]

157. Richt honorabill Schir, efter maist hartlie commendatioune. For sa mekill as ouir Lady Mortoun hes wrettin to zow to delyuer the keis of the Mernis till

hir serwand; thairfoir I thoeht gud till aduertise zow, gif the dait of zour balzerey be afoir the dait of hir seising or noeht, and gif it be noeht, that the law will eompell zow. It is bettir to zow to gif to hir serwandis with gud will nor be eompellit be law. And this I thoeht gud to adwertess zow as ane frend, and sua eommittis zow to God. From the Mainis of Kilbryd, the xix day of Marehe,

Be zour eme at command,
DUNROD.

To the Ryeht honorabill, and my eme, Sehir Jhone Maxwell of Pook.
This be delyuerit.

JOHN MAXWELL, Younger of Pollok, to his Father-in-Law, WILLIAM CUNINGHAME of Caprington, 28th Deeember 1585.

158. Ryeht honorabill Sehir and weilbelouit fathir, eftir my hertlie eommendationis. I writ to zow the tent of Maii last ves, makand mentioun that I wes sehergit to delywir the eastell of Mernis within sax houris eftir the seherge, wndir the pane of tressoun, quhilk seherge wes to my gret hindir, in respeet I haid not ane hous to trasport my geir into; and now the sevintene day of Deeember, me Lord of Mortoun hes sehergit me delywir the hous of the Mernis, and disehergit me of my offiee, with ane eontramand to the teneutis nawayis to serwe or aeknawlege me, quhilkis mair nor I lukit for in respeet of my guid serviee. Attour, I wes ernistlie writtin for be the Kingis Maiestie to cum to Striweling, besyidis his Maiestie's proelimatioun, and aeeording to the desyir of his Maiestie's lettir I obayit; quhair I and my servandis tint saxtene hors, with all our ryding graith, quhilk will extend to mair nor fywe hunderith puindis to my pairt or I be horsit and furnesit in ryding graith. Thir and sindrie wthir oeeationis hes put me far behind, as I haf willid the beirer to eommunieat with zow at guid lenth, quhilk wer tideus to writ. Quhairfoir, sehir, in respect of the oeeationis foirsaid, I man hemelie imploy zow and eraif zour help, as I do at all tymes quhen I haif oeeatioun, to len me fywe hunderith merkis for ane

zeir, wpon my obligatioun, and sowirtie, within the toun of Glesgw, to repay the samin at Mairtmes nixt, being varnit fourty dayis afoir the terme. This nocht dowting ze will do, as ze tendir my honour and weill, and in swa doing declair zour self ane naturall and lowing fathir. Gif my hous war endit, quhilk will zit exeid ane thowsand pundis, I hoip, God willing, newir to be sa trubilsum to zow in seking of zour aid and help of my honour and credit. Sehir, neecssetie preissis me, as this beirer will informe zow, quhilk ze man supple, or wthirwayis I wilbe in ane ewill eais. Sua to farder oeeatioun, eommitis zow in to the preteetioun of the Almyehtie God. Off Haggs, the xxviii of Deeember 1585.

[Robert fifth] Lord Rooss to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 4th July [c. 1586.]

159. Ryeht honorabil and trest freind, eftir my maist hertly eommendatiouns. Pleis zov vit, I am informit that my Lord Maxvel is in zour houis; heirfoir I vil requeist zov to speik to my Lord, and sehav him that I haife sum laindis in Lavdiem that I vald exehainge vith his laind in the Meirnis, beeauis tha lye far frae me. Gif it be my Lord's plesouir sua to do, I sel mak him als grit profeit presently as he hes in the Meirnis, and tuae houissis, ony of thame als guid as his houis in the Meirnis—Melvein and Tartreven. It var mair eommodivs to my Lord that haintis Edinburehe; for Melvein lyis vithin fauir myil of Edinburehe, and the Stanehouis vithin tua myil to Edinburehe—the rest of the laindis in Lyithkov seheir. Gif ze find my Lord of myind to entir in blokem vith me, I sel meit him, vpon zour adverteisment, quher ze appoint, and sel let him ken the valeritie and lyein of the laindis. Repoissen vpon zour adverteisment, my hertly eommendatiounis remembirt to my aint, zour bedfallov, I commit zov baith to God. Frome Halkheid, the fauirt of Julii.

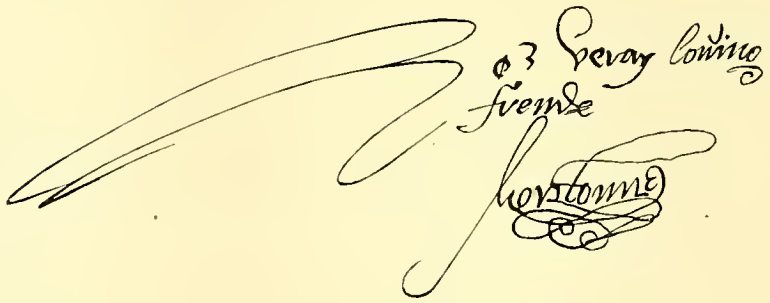
Zouir loving freind evir radie at pover,

Rooss.

To the ryieht honorabil my luiffing freind, the Laird off Neddir Pollok.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 25th September 1586.

160. Rycht traist cousing, efter hertlie commendationis. I thoucht to have directit this beirrer or now to zow, bot I was swa impeyschit in vther effairis, that I culd nocht have the oportunittie to writt to zow soner. I think zc ar now advysit in that thing I was speikand to zow; and for zour better informatioun, I have sent this vther letter to zow. And if ze think gude to do as we war speikand, quhilk I wald hertlie crave, I wald wis zow to be heir the secund of October nixt, becaus the justice court sittis downe the ferd of the same, howbeit ze suld gang bak aganc efter the rysing of the court, to perfyte the rest of zour turnis and mak zow redy. Swa assuritlie luking for zour cuming the said daye, I commit zow to God. Off Drumfres, the xxvj day of September 1586.



To our rycht traist cousing, the Lard of Nethir Pollok, Knycht.

LADY ELIZABETH DOUGLAS, COUNTESS OF MORTOUN, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, Knight, 20th November 1587.

161. Rycht traist freynd, I commend me to zow. Zc remember at zour last being heir with the Lord Hammiltounc I spak to zow annentis the virgnellis that Johne Murray and Adam Sturgioun saw in Glasgu, quhilk pertenis to zour brothir Patrick, to have had thame to Elizabeth, and ze promest thay suld be

had. Tharfor I will desyre zow, conforme to zour promes, to get the virgnellis, and gif thame to this berar; and anentis the pryce of thame, the same salbe as ze think reasonable, and salbe payit of the rediast dewteis to be vpliftit in that cuntre. Ze sall lykewyis delyver the rest of the males of the Mernis to this berar, gif it be gottin fra the tenentis. Nocht douting ze will this do, I omit all vthir thing to the nixt occasioun. Drumfres, this xx of November 1587.

Zour assurid frynd,

To the rycht honorable my gude frynd, the Lard off Nethir Pollok, Knycht.

[Sir John Maxwell of Pollok] to his Father-in-Law, William Cunninghame of Caprintoun, January 1587.

162. Rycht honorabill and weilbeluifit father, eftir my hertlie commendatioun. Being informet that ze war nocht content with me that weseit nocht zow in my by ganyng Cumnok, I being sa neir hand: Schir, I haud sicc occatiounes at that tyme as I mycht nocht be laysertt, as ze sall knaw at meiting. I was informit zour soine, my gude brwther, was deidle seik, vthervayis I haid nocht cum in the cuntric. Gif in ony thing I haif owrsein my self, it salbe mendit at zour plesour. My howis is neir ane end, (marie now) restis the reparraling within, quhilk is na lytill mater. Heirfor, Schir, being superexpendit in that with mony vther occatiounes, as the berar will declair zow, restis zour help, quhairof I haid zour promeis, and that tyme callit zour howis, or vtherwais I haid newer interpryisit sicc ane work. I desyir that ze will lend me thrie hun

dretht merkis money quhill Martemes nixt, and I sall find zow eatioun within the toun of Glasgw to repay the samyn as said is. I aschame that my howis sowld stand lyik ane twme kirne, being sa neir apoint. The rest as zour wisdome and diseretioun thinkis gude refaris, and the Lord preserwe zow. Frome the Haggis, the of Januar 1587.

Zouris luifing soine at powar till vse.

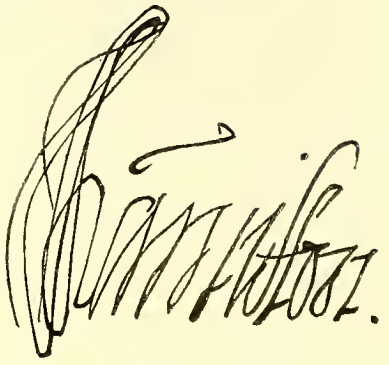
Memorandum.—I am in hors senne the raid of Stirveling ane thowsand merkis. Item, ane thowsand pound for the teindis of Mernis; fyif hundretht merkis for the fewing of the Haggis and the Seheillis. My howis exseidis fyif thowsand merkis, and zeit ane thowsand merkis will noeht rad twrnis in it: sax seoir of bollis of meill les be zeir nor I haid, to witt, the teindis of Mernis, fyif scoir xxiiii bollis of meill in the Manis of Crwixstoun, besyidis the actioun of deidlie feid quhilk I haif sustenit this fowir zeir to my gret expensis.

Lord John Hamilton to John Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, 14th Mareh 1588.

163. My Lord and cousing, eftir my veray hartlie commendationis. Forsamekle as thair is ane puir man of my name, eallit Johnne Hammilton, qhaa is kyndlie to ane piee of zour lordshippis landis in Mernis, and the mater being broeht in tryell befoir the Lard of Pollok, zour lordshippis baillie, he alledgis him self to haif resauit manifest wrang; in eonsideratione quhairof he hes menit his caus to me, requiring my lettre of reeommendatione to zour lordship, quhilk I could noeht refuis, and thairfoir man pray zour lordship moste effeeteouslie to caus revew the proees quhilk is dedueit and led aganis him be Johne Edgar, zour lordshippis elerk, or ellis be sum other quhome ye will eredite: and gif it be found that he haif resauit wrang, to eaus repair the same; if otherways, I will nocht insist. This 'hoping that he sall find favour for my caus, insuafar as aggreis with ressone, I leif to wryt forder at the present,

and committis zour lordship to God. Frome Hammilton, this xiiij day of Marche 1588.

Zour lordshippis loving cousing at all powar,

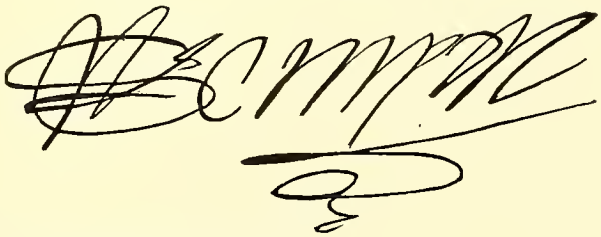


To my veray guid Lord and Cousing, my Lord of Mortoun.

ROBERT FOURTH LORD SEMPILL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
20th April 1589.

164. Richtt honorable Schir and trest freind, eftir hartlie commendatioun. In respect of this laitt proclamatione maid of new, I think to mak fordwardis, God willing, for obedience of the samin, and to be in Stirling on Wednisday at ewin nixtt. Quhairoff I thocht guid to mak zow aduerteissett, swa thatt ze and I may meitt att Glesgw, on Wednisday be auchtt houris in the morninge, that we may ryd fordward to Stirling at ewin. Swa to meiting committis zow to God. At Castell Sempill, the xx of Apryle 1589.

Zour assuritt guid freind at power,



To the Richtt honorable and my assuritt guid freind,
the Laird off Nethir Pollok, Knychtt.

ROBERT FOURTH LORD SEMPILL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
21st April [1589].

165. Rieht traist freind and nyehbour, eftir hartlie eommendationis. Forsamekill as I haif ressauit ane letter fra the Chaneiller for staying me and myne to eum forduart to this raid, noehtwithstandinge the vther proclamationis or lettres direet thairanent; quhairof I thoeht gud lykwyis to aduerteis zow, that ze neid noeht to trauell at the present, wnto new aduertisment: anent the quhilk I salbe zour warrand. And as I salhappine to haif the eertantie heireftir, sall aduerteis zow thairof, wnto the quhilk tyme remitting the rest, will eommit zow to God. Fra Castell Semple, Monnunday the xxi of Aprile.

Zouris assurid gude freind,
R. L. SEMPILL.

To my richt traist freind and nyehtbour, the Laird of Nether Polloeke.

ROBERT FOURTH LORD SEMPILL to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok],
30th June 1589.

166. Rieht honorable and traist freind, eftir my hairtlie eommendationis. I ressauit zour letter, willing me to eonweine the Lairdis of Blair, Calduell, and vtheris my freindis for perfyitting the turnis amangis vs; quhilk I wald be weray willing to do and sie perfyitit. Bot in respect of the redemptioun of my landis agains ane Nasmitht, quhairinto, I dout nocht, ze haif hard how my Lord of Hamiltoun reft my servandis, my siluir, and hes driftit tyme with me, that I am eompellit to seik the law for my avine. Anent the quhilk I am swa bissie that, at the present, I ean noeht gudlie haif thaim eonwenit by vther adois in hand. Bot how sone I may possibillie haif my freindis conwenit, sall aduerteis zow thairof with all deligenee for keiping tryist amangis vs. The rest thairto: noeht omittinge my hartlie eommendationis to the Ladie, zour bedfellow, and to our sone, committis zow all in the protcetioun of the Eternale. Frome Castell Semple, the last of Junii 1589, be

Zouris assurid gude freind and nichbour,
R. L. SEMPILL.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to Mr. William Olephant, Advocate,
9th June 1589.

167. Rycht Honorable Sir, eftir my verrie hairtle commendatiouns. Pleis wit I am sumnundit of new to the xi of this instant Juni, quhilk sumundis ze sall resaif togidder with the first and the decreit, quhilk it will pleis zow peruse in defence of the pley gif it be callid. It will pleis zow desyre the parttie persewar to instruct thair sumundis, and to desyre quhair my lord Symple is entiritt as air to his foirgrandscher, quhom to the allegit dischairge and renunciatioun of reversioun was gifine and granttid. My Lord Symple [is] vneentirit as zit to ony of his predicessoris, and at the horne, quhairof he will nocht be relaxit. Quhat farther zour wisdome can try out be the informalitie of the summundis, I doubt nocht bot ze will remembir the sayme, and delay tyme to my cuming to Edinburghe, quhilk salbe, God willing, the sevinttine or xviii of Junj instant. The rest to zour aduerteisment or meitting remittis: Committis zow to the protexioun of the Almychtie God. From the Haggis, the ix of Junj 1589.

Zour luifing freind alwayis till vse,
Johnne Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Kny^t.

To the Rycht Honorabill my weilbeluifit freind, Mr. William Olephant, aduocatt, delyuer this.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to a Magistrate (address wanting),
21st September 1589.

168. Forsamekle as I am credablie informit that ze did incarseratt sum of my men in to the towbuitht on Monunday last was, quhom I ondirstand haid of nawayis offendit nor trwbillit the toun, bott being reft and spwilzeitt of thair guidis and geir be ane knaif callitt Burne and his complesis, on Saterday last vas, quhome I onderstand is na offisar, nor zeit my men quhome fra the geir was tane addetitt to ony, was ernist to haif steyit thair guidis and geir onreft

thame, was maist erwellie doung and hurtt, and ane honest wedow woman hir face brokin be the men of the Brigend; and ze quha occupeyis the place of ane magistratt, albeyit nocht vurdie, in respect of zour onequitable deling, hes pwneisit my men quha is offendit to. The dewill maid sowteris schiptmen, quha cowld nather steir nor row. Certefeing zow for the iniurie done to my men, I sall sei the samyn repairit, and perhaps lytill to zour contentment. This hard handlin of my men be zow is mair nor I luikitt for at zour handis. Swa fair ze weill. Frome the Haggis, this Tyisday the xxi day of September 1589.

Zouris as ze gif occatioun,

JOHNNE MAXUELL of Nether Pollok, knyt.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to his Wife, MARGARET CUNINGHAME, 18th February 1589.

169. Best belouit, eftir my hartlie commendatiounes. Faill nocht to be heir with delegence. Ze man ryid to Paslay to my Lord and my Lady. The pwrpois ze waitt of. The rest to zour euming remittis. Committis zow to God. Frome the Haggis this thuirisday, the xviij day of Fabrware 1589.

Zour husband with scruice to command,

JOHNNE MAXWELL of Nether Pollok, knyt.

Gif thair be ony siluer inawing in the Mairnis, lett George Abernathe byid quhill fryday and gett it in.

To his awin Meg this gif.

JOHN EARL OF MORTONE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 9th October 1591.

170. Ryeht traist cousing, eftir our hertlie commendationis. Seing it is requeseit we be honestlie accumpaneit with our kyn, freyndis, varsallis, serweandis and dependaris, during the tyme of the Parliament now approcheing, to the quhilk we ar requyritt be our Souerane Lord to be at; quhairfore we will maist effec-

teouslie desyre zow, as ze will declair zour selff zealous to the furthsett and advancement of our honour, and will have ws to shaw zow favour quhen ze salhave to do, that ze faill nocht to be at ws in Edinburgh, the xxi day of October instant, that ze may accumpanie ws thair, during the tyme foirsaid, quhilk we luke ze will nocht refuis, considering zour presens and convoy is swa necessar for ws in this tyme. Vnto the quhilk we committ zow to God. From Drumfres, the ix day of Oetober 1591.

Zour verie assurid freynd,

Mortone.

To our rycht traist cousing, the Laird of Nethir Pollok.

Letter from Sir John Maxwell of Pollok (without address) soliciting influence in favour of his servant, George Aberuethie, aecused of murder, 29th January 1592.

171. My Lord, eftir my humile commendatioums of serviee. Pleis zour Lordschipp witt, the beirar heirof, my serwand, George Abirnathie, is calumniowsli dilaitit of the slawchter of ane man at the Brigend of Glasgw, quhairof, my Lord, he is maist innocent. The wif and barnes of the defunct, togidder with the committaris of the slawchter, ar joinnit in ane, and hes sumindit the beirar heirof, with sextine vthers of my tennentis, to vnderlye the law, the sextine of Februar. And inrespeet it standis the said George vpoun his lif and honour, I will maist earnistlie requeist zour Lordschipp, as zour Lordschipp hes done at altimes for my self, to continew guid lord and maistir to me and my servandis, according to the equitie of the cause, as zour Lordschippis honour and conscience will permit. The beirar hes lettiris to be raisit at the advocatis instance, with quhome he hes na moyoun, and vnacquentit; inrespect quhairof he feiris not to speid at the aduocatis handis. Heirfoir I will maist humillie requeist zour lordschipp to speik the advocat in favour of the beirar, as he will mair fullilie informe zour Lordschipp. Leveing to be ovir prolixt, my dewtie with humil service remembirit, committis zour Lordschipp to the protectioun of the Almiehttie God. From Haggs, the xxix day of Januar 1592.

Zour Lordschippis luifing freind with seruiee to eommand,

Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knyt.

JOHN EARL OF MORTOUNE, LORD MAXWELL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 6th June 1593.

172. Rycht traist cousine, eftir my veray hartclie commendations. My las Elizabeth hes lattine me sic zour lettre, quhairbe I do vnderstand zour cairfull mynd toward the weilfair of my bairnes, as my assurit freynd, noeht forzeattying all oceasions quher ze ean fynd a motive to wishe thair weill: quhilk thankfull mynd of zouris moie of neeessitie proeure me to help zow and zowris, quhensoever ze trow that my wordis or deidis may furthsett the sam. Therfor, as ze find oportunytie, lat word cum, that I may mak hir to do that quhilk womanlie modestie wil permit on hir parte. Marye, ze knaw that it is a grit disgraee for ane gentill woman to wowe and than be disapoyntit! Sua reeommending to zow hir hartlie ehairgis, we commit zow to the proteetioue of God. Drumfryes, the six day of Junj 1593.

Zour veray louing freynd,
MORTOUNE.

To my rycht traist eusing, the Lard of Nether Pollok, Knycht.

ELIZABETH MAXWELL, guidwife of POTTERHILL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 18th June 1593.

173. Rycht Honorabill Sehir, and loving eame, eftir maist hairtlie commendatiouns. This present is to requeist zow to send me withe the beirrar heirof the submissioun quhilk the Laird of Caldirwod and ze maid the last daye ze war heir, betuix John, my eldest sone, and me, authentiklie subseryvit be zour awin hand, aceording to zour promeis. I heir saye my sone bragis mekile of the avantege he howpis to obtein thairby att zour handis to my great hindir and skaith, quhairof on no wayis I am affrayit; for I am assuriedlie perswaidit that in respeett of my inhabilitie and auld eage, vnabile now to travell or gaine onye thing be my fruitles labour; and in eonsideratioun of the fidelitie of my husband towartis the weill of zow and zour hous all the dayis of his lyif, ze will

nocht alter that lattir will of his, nor onye wayis put me in anc wor estait nor I am presentlie into, for all the geir of the earthe. Swa leving to fasche zow withe langer lettre, and heallilie repoising my self on zour guidwill and vprycht conscience, I commit zow to Godis healye protectioun now and eternallie. From Thornlie, the xviij daye of Junij 1593.

Zour loving ant att hir full power quhill I leif,
ELIZABETH MAXWALL guidwif of Potterhill.

To the rycht honorabill and my loving freind, the Laird of Pollok, knycht, this be delyuerit.

AGNES CAMPBELL, LADY CAPRINTOUN, to her Brother-in-Law, SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 10th November 1593.

174. Rycht Honorable and weilbeluifit brother, eftir hairtlie commendatioun. Ze remember ze desirit me to aduerteis zow sasone as the laird my husband come hame, and that becaus zour remaning in this cuntrie was onlie vpoun the occasioun of his absence, for sic caussis as he wrait to zow of befoir. Quhairfoir I thocht guid to aduerteis zow that he is cum hame this nycht sen zour depairting and myne, and is of mynd, for sic occasionis as he hes to do, to ryde schortly to Cumnok; bot heiring tell of zour heir being, is of mynd to awayt on zow the morne and Monnonday till ane hour eftir none. Thairfoir he hes willit me, according to my promeis, to aduerteis zow heirof, and desire zow to be heir in Caprintoun on Sonday at nycht, or Munnonday befoir none at the ferdest. To the quhilk tyme referris the rest, and sa committis zow to God. From Caprintoun, this Satirday at nycht, the tent of November instant 1593.

Be zouris loving sistir,
AGNES CAMPBELL, Lady Caprintoun.

To the rycht honorabill and hir weilbeluifit brother,
the Laird off Pollok, Knycht.

HUGH FIRST LORD LOUDOUN to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
11th November 1593.

175. Rieht honorabill and loving eame, efter my hartlie eommendatioun. Heiring tell of zour being in this euntrie, I thoeht meit to dereet this berer, my freind, to zow, to desyir zow to tak the painis as to eum heir and drink with me, and to mak zour acquentanee with my wyff, and to sie zour awin sonne, seing ze ar sa neir hand; for I thoeht my hous verie sib to zow befoir, bot far sibber now as materis ar fallin owt, quhilk I traist in God nane of ws sall euer haif eaus to repent. I will pray zow to eum heir this Mononday, that we may meit and pas tyme togedder, and freindfullie confer togidder of sik thingis as we haif ado. Sa luking assuredlie for zour heir cuming on Mononday nixt, as said is, as I salbe redie to travell thryis als far to eum to zow agane quhen ze pleis chairge me, albeit it war a straiter mater. Referring the rest to this berer, committis zow to God Almyehttie. At the Sorne, this Sounday, the xj of Nouember 1593.

Zour loving eame at power,
LOUDOUN.

To the rieht honorabill and my loving eame,
Sir Johnne Maxwell off Pollok, Knieht.

WILLIAM [MAXWELL] LORD HERYS, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
11th December 1593.

176. Ryeht honorable and my verie guid freind, efter my hartlie eommendationis. Ze have hard of the infortunat slauehter of zour eheiff, my Loird Erle of Mortoun. I, with advyis of his freindis heir, hes thoeht meit that the buriall of his body salbe vpon Soneday the penult of December instant; and beeaus ze ar ane of his speeiall friendis, quhais presence is maist requisite, bayth for the furthset of the buriall, and for zour counsell to be had anent the taking ordour with his Loirdshippis bayrnis, leving and freindis. Thairfoir I desyir zow effectuouslie to keip the said day, as ze respeet the honour of that hous and standing

of his bayrnis and leving. Sa I commit zow to the protectioun of God. From Drumfreis, the xi day of December 1593.

Zour loving and assurit freind,

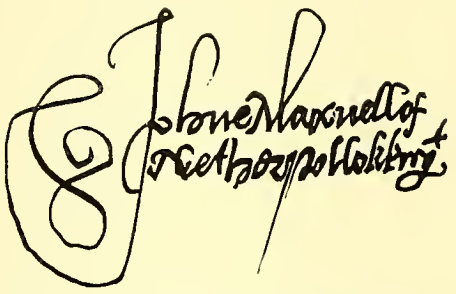
To the honorable and my assurit guid freind, the Layrd of Pollok.

Letter by Sir John Maxuell of Pollok, anent the Escheit of the late Lord Maxwell (address wanting), 18th January 1593.

177. Rycht honorabill and luifing eme, efter my verray hartlie commendatioun. Pleis witt I haif with greitt travellis sowchitt owtt thir lettres of hornyng vpone my vmquhyle lord Maxwell for obteinyng of his lordschippis escheitt, in respect the said vmquhyle lord deitt at the horne: menyng thairby to imploy his lordschippis haill guidis and geir to the vtelitie and profeitt of his fowr dowchtiris: be the quhilk doing gif I obtein the eschcitt, I sal sie my self relcifit of all cationareis, ane eis at my ladeis handis of the nonentrie of the landis of Pollok, and new takis of the bailzeirie of the Mairnis witht the keiping of the castell and lytill Manis adiasentt thairto, and thai to mak ane assingnay to the escheitt for the weil of the lassis, as freindis sall think gude; vtherwayis I feir I gett lytill favour at my ladeis handis, or the tutouris, bott extremetie. Gif thir thingis frames, I sall obtein the gude will of my lady, bairnis and freindis. Schir, vithout zour aid and helpe, I feir I speid nocht, the caws is swa veehttie, withowtt greitt moyand. Ze man mak my lord chanslar to mwif his Magestie as I sall gif his lordschip informatioun. Maister James Elphistoun lyikwais man be writin to be zow to assist me, and to be ane ernist motionar of my lord chanslar in this erand, and assuir my lord chanslar quhatt fuirderance his lordschip makis in this, ze will accoumtt it as doine to zour self. Remember, Schir, how ernist ze war witht me to sie ane helpe maid to thai lassis,

and quhatt ane forme ze satt doune; quhairof I sall nocht be oblivius. This guide menyng of mynd, gif we speid, wilbe ane gude beginyng, togidder vitht a partt of my vmquhyle Lord Maxwellis zeirly rewenu assingitt to that effect, as zour visdome sett downe the forme. Quhat vther moyand ze haif, I pray zow extend it in maist ampill forme in this mater, togidder witht zour adwise and counsall, quhilk salbe to me ane rewl in this and all vther my vechtie adois. Remitis the rest to the sufficiencie of the birar, quhome I haif villitt to commwnicatt vitht zow in ane vther wechtie purpois. My commendatiounes remembritt vnto my lady zour bedfallow, my soine and dochtir, committis zow and thame in to protcctioun of the Almychttie God. Frome Haggis, the xviii day of Janure 1593.

Zour luifing eme,



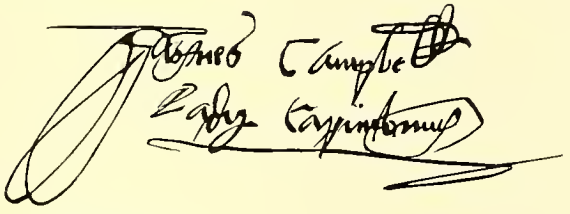
My Lord Sympill hes gevin vp kyndnes witht me, and will asist all thais that vilbe vnfreindis to me; to vitt, the lardis of Cawldwell, Owerpollok, Skelmwrlie, Quhyitfurd, Caithartt, Ralstoun elder and zoungar, and I aganis thame all, witht Godis help and zowris. All thir ar vpone ane platt aganis me cawsles, as the Lord salbe my help.

DAME AGNES CAMPBELL, wife of Sir William Cunninghame of Caprintoun, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 1593.

178. Eftir my hairtlie recommendatioun. I rassauit zour lettre, and, according to the mynd thairof, hes spokin the Laird my huisband, quha is willing to meitt

zou at Maichleine, or ony vther eonvenient place of trysting, athir this day or the morne, qhat hour ze pleis appoint, vpoun zour adverteisment; and is verie glaid to see maitteris betvix the laird my bruther and zov taik ane guid suecess, and put to ane finall end to ather of zour honouris and veillis: lyk as he vill indevair him self is quyetting that eaus to his vttir pover, as experianee vill zeild pruif, quhom is vill pleis zou farther assey. The Laird thinkis he can not veill meitt at ane nobill man's hous in trysting, vndesyrit be him self, bot sall meit, as saidis, at any vther lauehtfull plaee ze pleis appoint. This avaitting vpoun zour aduerteisment, eommittis zow to God. From Caprintoun, this Mononday tymelie, 1593.

Zouris louing sistir,



To the rieht honorabill my weilbelouit bruther,
the Laird of Nethir Pollok, Knyeht.

ELIZABETH DOUGLAS, COUNTESS OF MORTOUN, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 12th Marehe 1593.

179. Ryeht honourabill sir, eftir my maist hertlie commendatiounes. Forsamekle as I am of mynd and purpos to repair towardis my landis and eastell of Mernis, quhair I ordane, God willing, to mak my residenee the mast part of this summer season nixtocum, and thairfoir neeessar it is that the same be reparit and apparrellit in all thinges requisit for my bettir easment. Quhairfoir I will desyir zow that ze deliuer the said houss and keyes thairof to ther berares, Jhone Lawe in Wattirfutt and Jhone Wilson, my tennentis and serwandis, to quhome I hawe gewin express eommand to resawe the sam fra zow, repair and apparrell the sam with all neeessaris agane my euming thairto. Ceisinge to

trubill zow with langer lettre, I committ zow in the tuition of the eternall God. Off Edinburgh, thes xii daye of Marche 1593.

Zouris assurit,

Jane Elizabeth Countes of Marr

To the ryeht honorabill and hir assurit gud freind, Schir Jhone Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knycht, these be deliueritt.

Sir John Maxuell of Pollok to Elizabeth Maxuell, 13th March 1593.

180. Maistres, eftir my humill commendatiouns of seruice. Pleis wit, I hawe directit ane lettir to my ladie zour mothir, the effect quhairof I hawe willit the beirar to communicat vnto zow. Gif my ladie will call to remembiranee my guid seruiee done vnto hir vmquhill husband, hir Ladyshippis self and bairnis, and not be forzetfull thairof, I sall find owt the way be a law vpoun certane conditiouns quhilk nawayes sall hindir my Ladeis profeitt, to accommodat zow and zour sistiris twentie thowsand markis; and for thes doing, togidder with my seruice, I crawe na forther cowrtassie, bot that that my ladie aweht of dewtie, and that a law will compell hir ladyship to do, in caiee scho wald refuise. I hawe binc als stedable and reddie in seruiee to zour vmquhill father and mothir as ony Maxwall in Scotland, and salbe als reddie for his saik that restis with God, to do zow, zour brethir, and sistiris, honour and seruice as ony of that name, aecording to my simple power. I wald wische my ladie zour mothir suld do hir dewtie to me, vtherwayes kindnes will nocht stand that cumis altogiddir on the ane syd. As ze find oceasioun, maistres, I will requeist zow to speik in my favouris to my ladie, as aceordis with ressoun. Lat materis fram as thai lyk, I sall continew zour obeydient serwand to my vttir power: and quhan ze hawe to do, spair not to vse me. Gif my eownsall and appinioun war followit, I wald wis that my Lord Hercis and my ladie zour mothir suld

assigne anc ressonable part of zour vmquhill fatheris leweing, for ane certane zeiris, to be tocchir to zow and zour sistiris, and ane trustie freind to be appointit collectowr to that effect. My dewtie with humill service remembirit, eommittis zow vnto the protectioun of the Almichtie God. From Haggis, the xiii of Marche 1593.

Zouris obeyzantt at all powar vtermest,
JOHNE MAXUELL of Nether Pollok, Knycht.

To the rycht honorabill my veilbeluifit Maistres, Elyzabetht Maxuell, this be delyueratt.

SIR JOHN MAXUELL of Pollok to ELIZABETH COUNTESS OF MORTOUN, 13th March 1593.

181. Madam, eftir my verrie hairtlie commendatiouns of humble service. It mervellis me mikle that zour ladyschip gettis not sum gait of the Laird of Carmichall, being sua weill acquentit swa near in freindschipe and alleya; quhairfoir it is meitt that zour ladyschip gett ane ease of thir gret sowmis obtenit againis zour ladyschippis vmquhill husband and me as cawtioner, at the Laird of Carmichalis instance: and albeit I resawe the first truble, in end it will eum vpoun zour ladyschippis barnis, and the lawis of the cuntrie will sic me relevit; and to that effect hes eausit fence all the dewteis within the Mernis for my releve. Gif zour Ladyschip will followe my advice and eownsall, I sall find owt the way, how thir inconvenientis may be helpit. It will pleis zour Ladyschip direct zour precept to the tennentis of the Mernis to answer me thankfullie of thair dewteis resting awand, quha is verray willing swa to do, haveing zour Ladyschippis mandat to that effect. It is promeisit be the Laird of Carmichall to me, that gif I will pay him thankfullie the sowmes contenit in decreit, and consigne the samyne in the handis of the Lordis of Sessioun, he sall suffir the deercat to reduce, and get me absoluit of the act of cawtionarie in all tymis euming, quhilk salbe ane preparative to get me absoluit fra thrie vthir decreitis, as the beirar will informe zour Ladysehip, and quhat evir zour Ladyschip dois in thes, aecompt it as done to zour Ladyschippis bairnis. Gif your Ladysehip will remem-

bir my loyall and faithfull serviee done vnto zour vmquhill husband and zour self, and continew my guid ladie and maistres, I sall, vpoun certane conditiouns, aggreable with the lawis of the euntrie, and to the contentment of freindis, reveall to zour ladyschip ane secreit quhilk sall accommodat zour Ladyschip twentie thowsand markis, vtherwayes I crave na benefeit of zour Ladyschip. I pray zour Ladyschip be ane helper to sie me relevit of thir great trubillis and ineonvenientis quhilk I sustine be zour vmquhill husbandis deid, quhilk will gif me occasioun on the auld manir to do zour Ladyschip and bairnis honour and seruice. Gif I mieht hawe travellit my self withowt hazaird of my persoun, I suld not hawe bine swa lang fra zour Ladyschippis service. Quhill Carmichall and I be at ane point, I may not travell, becaus he hes letters of triesoun, eaptioun, and letters to rais fire and seige my hows, and entering of my persoun in waird in Blaknes. Remittis the rest to the sufficiencie of the beirar, quhom zour Ladyschip sall credeit as my self. My dewtie with humile service remembirit, commitis zowr Ladyschip vnto the proteetioun of the Almichtie God. From Hags, the xiii of Marche 1593.

Zour ladyschippis at all powar vtermest,
JOHNE MAXUELL of Nether Pollok, Knyt.

To my verray gude lady and maistres, the Countess of Mortoun,
this be delyueritt.

DAME ELIZABETH DOUGLASS, COUNTESS OF MORTOUNE, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 23d July 1594.

182. Rycht lowing freind, efter my hartly eommendations. I haif resawit zour letter, schawand me zour delygence in the sute of the Earle of Cassillis to my douchter; quhairof I hartly thank zow, and desyris zow effectuouslie to contenew thairintil. According to zowr letter I haif spokin my Lord Hereis, with sum vther disereit freindis, quhilk I communycat that mater to, quha is verey glad thairof, and hes desyrit me to wrytt to zow til be resoluit be zow geif his lordshippis presence be neidful, or ony speeiall freind til accompany me til Glasgw at this tyme, and quhat day I salbe thair, sua I salbe in ane redynes

avaityng vpoun zour ansucr, quhilk I earnstly desyre zow to haif at me schortly, becaus I wil stay thervpoun. Sua til zour aduertysment, committis zow to God. Drumfreis, this Tysday the xxiii of Julij, 1594.

Zour assurit,

To honorabil the Laird of Nathir Pollok, knycht.

Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 18th August 1594.

183. Rycht honorabill and loving eme, efter my hartlie commendatioun. I ressauit zour lettre declairing how hardlie and vnkyndlie my lady Maxwell handillis zow, and specialie anent zour auld kyndlie possessioun within the Mernis; quhilk trewlie I merwell of, inrespectt of zour thankfulnes bayth to my lord, hir husband, and hir self. Bot quhairas ze desir me to cum to Glasgw to my lady with sic guidlie haist as I may, to sic how thir thingis may be helpit, the trewth is, I can nawayis be abill to win thair at this tyme; and that becaus that the lard of Glenvrquhay zounger, and certane vther strangearis ar to be heir with me this Settirday at nycht, and is to remane heir with me to pas his tyme aucht or ten dayis, for sic occasionis as I sall latt zow knaw at meiting quhen it salhappin. In respectt of the quhilk I will pray zow to haif me excusit in the meanetyme that I can not win to zow. Ze remember how materis wer endit amangis ws quhen ze wer last in this cuntrie, and quhat thingis ze band zour self and promesit to haif perfytit and done anent the securitie to zour self, and to zour sone and my dochter, quhilkis suld all haif bene perfytit befoir beltane last; and zit, albeit the day be past mair nor ane quarter of ane zeir syne, I can heir na thing as zit done thairinto. Quhairof I merwell, seing reasoun and honestie wald that promeis suld be keipit amangis honest men on all sydis. And quhat eis and courtessie wes grantit to zow in that mater, I dout nocht bot ze remember zour self, quhilk wes bot onlie condition-

allie as ze knaw, incaice promcis wer keipit be zow ; vtherwyis the same to be null. And nochtwithstanding I can heir nathing performeit in that mater be zow ; quhairof trewlie I merwell. Alwyis, eme, I thocht meit rather to requyre zow, lovinglie and freindfullie, to do me reasoun, nor to seik the same be rigour of law ; quhilk gif I be forceit to seik, salbe far in zour wyit, and I wald be wa to do, becaus the same can ingener na kyndnes ; and thairfoir I will requeist zow to performe zour promeis and conditioun to me and the zoung folkis as I sall, God willing, do to zow agane on my pairt, and that freindfullie and lovinglie, as honestie and freindschip wald. And now seing my Lady Maxwell is in the cuntrie, quha may performe thir thingis, I will pray zow to putt the samin to sum poynt. For as to zour self, ze knaw ze will compell hir to enter zow or tyne hir superioritie, and ze will gett entrie be the King ; quhilk I think ze may sone be at point with all. As to the zoung folkis, I grant scho neidis not to ressauc thame bot of guidwill, quhilk gif scho will not do, we sall tak the nixt best : thairfoir prayis zow to put zour self to point in thir materis with deligence. I haif writtin ane lettre to my Lady Maxwell with this berar anent zour effairis, quhilk ze may reid and than clois, and present the same vnto hir, gif ze think guid. Referring the rest to zour wisdome and aduerteisment, committis zow to God. At the Sorne, the xviii day of August 1594.

Zour loving eame at power,

LOUDOUN.

Zong Glenvrquhay, I think, sall remain heir with me aucht dayis or mair ; and in case this raid stay or continew, I man be in the Kenmuir the xxv of this moneth at the mariage of Lochinvares dochter on zong Garthland, quhilk is Sonday cum aucht dayis.

To the rycht honorabill and my loving eme, the Laird of Pollok.

ROBERT MAXWELL of Cowhill to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [c. 1595.]

184. Rycht honorable Schir, eftar my maist hartly commendatioun. That I haif rasauit zour wreting, and quhar ze desyrit me to spek to the Mastar, sa I ded,

and he said that the raquesteis suld tak na feke quhill zour metyng and his ; and quhar ze wret to aduertis zow gif ony had spokin, ze sall vnderstand, thair is nane as zet, or gif thair beis ony that spekeis thairintill, I sall aduertis zow. And quhar ze desyris me to knaw quheder ze sall eum in zour self, or met him in Edinburgh, ze sall vnderstand, that he sall aduertis zow when he eumis to Edinburgh, and thair to common with zow of all mataris ; and quhar ze wret, gif my Lade suld be Covntas of the Mernis, seho is sa in deid. Thair is ane mater provydit, that seho has na powar, neder for balzare nor na vder thing ; for seho has maid ane tak to the Mastar thair apoun ellis, bot ze sall lat na man knaw this, for it is done on ane quyat maner. I beleif that all zour wretenis sall be fulfillit, and desyris rasanably has he sehais me ; for I had aduertesit him noeht that ze wret to me, bot spak to him of my awin heid : and gif thair beis ony wder plesor ze vald I deid, ze sall aduertis me, and it sall be done eftar my powar. And for thydanis, ze sall vnderstand that the Baittepland is devydit, and the marehis set betuex Ingland and Seotland, and Lytill Thoms the Grame hows is fallin to Ingland, and Sande Armistrangis hows, to Seotland : and the tua Vardanis suld met at Lowmabanestane this Thryday, and radres to be maid sen the peiss. Noeht ellis has now, bot God kepe zow.

Zouris at powar,

Robert Maxwell of Cowhill.

To ane honorable man, and trest frend, Johne Maxwell of Neder Pollok.

Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 8th June 1595.

185. Ryeht honorabill and loveing eame, eftir my hartlie eommendatioun. Pleis yow wit, that the Erle of Mountrois, haifing eonvenit his freindis in Glasgw, in Apryle last, direeted eertane gentill men, to wit, the Pryour of Blantyre, young Killsythe, and the Guidman of Coehnoeh, with ane message to me desirand to vnderstand gif I wald beir the slauchter of vmquhile William Crawfurd, brother to the Laird of Kerss, as ane querrell againis the said Erle and his Houss, or gif I wald be eontent that the same wer tane vp and freind-

fullie agreit be the adwyis of freindis; and this beand ane wechtie mater wnto me, I thoeht I culd nocht guidlie gif ansuer thairto without the adwyis of my maist speciall freindis. And for that purpois, I man be that hamelie as to desyr zow to convene vpoun the xix day of Junij instant, in Stirling, as place maist convenient for the easis of the Erles of Argyle and Mar, quhome I luik for, to be thair; lyikwyis that I may haif zour guid counsale and adwyis amang the rest of my honorable freindis, in ansuer geving to this message, as I sal be reddie to do zow the lyik freindschipe againe. Sa luiking for zour ansuer with this beirar, committs zow to God. At the Newmyllis, the aucht of Junij 1595.

Zour loveing eame at power,

Loudoun.

Efter the wryting of this lettir, I am suirlie aduerteist that the Erle of Mountrois, wnderstanding eertenlie my dyet, hes appointed ane conventioun of his friendis in Stirling that same self day of my tryist, purpoislie, as it may easelie be sene, to disapoint our convening thair, quhilk is mair nor anewch. And being aduerteist heirof, I intend, God willing, to ryde the mair substantiouslie, and in arms, quhilk wtherwayis I thocht not to haif done. And in respectt heirof I man be that hamelie as to requesit zow to be the bettir accumpaneit and in armour, and that we may all meit betwix and Glasgw vpon the xviij day, and to be thair togidder at evin, and sa to ryde fordward to Stirling on the morne. Appardone this my hamelines, as ze may be the lyik hamelie with me agane.

To the rycht honorabill and my loving eame, the Lard of Pollok Nathir.

Sir William Cunninghame of Caprintoun to his Brother-in-Law, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 23d June 1595.

186. Ryeht weilbeluifit brother, eftir my hairtlie commendatioun. I haif resauit zour lettir desiring me to seik out sum euidentis eoncerning Carnewodrig. Ze

sall wit that the Erle of Cassillis is new lichtit in this place with me, and am vneertane how lang he will remane. Bot I beleue his lordship sall remane with me ane day or twa. Thairfoir ze man hald me excusit. I may not be laserit to seik my eharter kist for the saidis euidentis for the present, and am vneertane quhair to find thame. As als toueheing the obligatioun that ze send me to subserive as eautioner for zow, that ze sall desist fra the Castell and Manis of the Merns, that is ane thing I ean noeht weill do to sie tyme as I may confer with zour self, and haif my bak warrand subserivit be zow for my releif. Nocht douting bot ze will think this resonabill. Sua for the present and euir committis zow to the protcetione of the Almyehtie God. Frome Caprintoun, this xxiii of Junii 1595.

Be zouris guide brother,
S. W. C. Caprintoun.

Exeuis me becaus the samyn is wryttin in haist, being oeeupiett vtherwayes nor presentlie to avaitt vpoun ane farther ansuer to zour lettre.

To his ryeht weilbeluifit bruther, the laird of Neddir Pollok, knicht.

Hugh first Lord Loudoun to Mr. John Scharpe, Advoeate in Edinburgh, 11th November 1596.

187. Maister, efter my verie hartlie commendatioun. I persaife be ane lettir of William Maxwellis that he hes eonferrit with zow in my gudesone the laird of Pollokis turnes betuix him and the Ladie Vrehill. Bot as to this dyet of probatioun of the ladeis vpone the v of Noueinber, trewlie I wnderstude it noeht, nor quhat it meanit, quhill within thir aueht dayis that I resauit ane lettir of Mr. Johne Scrogeis schawand me thairof. And as to this last suspensioun quhilk ze eausit rais at my seruand, James Campbellis instanee, I haif send the same bak with this berer exeeut as beeumis. Bot as to the grund of our caus, it standis in effeet in this point as followis; to wit, the last laird off Pollok, at the mariage of this gentilwoman, his last wyfe, gaif hir seasing, haldane of him self, of this hous and landis of Haggis, being bisehop land, lyand in the baronie

of Glasgw, albeit it be of veritie (sa far as we can try or wnderstand) that he had nather few nor heretabill rycht thairof him self, bot onlie wes in termis of aggreanee for ane few thairof with the pryour of Blantyre and nocht endit nor perfyted, lyk as the few charter writtin be Mr. Harie Gibsoun in Glasgw, lyand zit in his hand wnsubseryved or ony wayis perfyted, will testifie: sa that hir author had na rieht. Now we, persaifeand this, hes tane presentlie, within thir few dayis, ane few of the said hous and landis to my gudsone, this laird of Pollok, of the King, be the aucht lordis; for the haill lordschip of Glasgw is presentlie in his Maiesteis handis: quhilk few I dout nocht William Maxwell hes aequent zow with, as alsua of the rest, as said is. Now, maister, heirby zour wisdome may weill wnderstand bayth my gudesones grund and richt, and the ladeis: and thairfoir my desyre to zow is, that ze will nocht onlie stand to the defenee of this eaus (as I dout noeht) as ane mater that will redound ather to the great weill of my gudesone and my doehter, or ellis to thair great hurt and inconvenient; bot lykwayis that ze will foirsie how be law we may retene and keip the possessioun of the hous and landis quhill the mater be finallie diseussed, quhidder my gudesone's few, or the ladeis base sasing givin be hir husband, quha had na heretabill rieht as said is, salbe fund best. For gif scho be put to her warrand, we seik na mair, quhilk I think man be. Bot gif seho get delyuerie of the hous in ony sort, our mater will wtterlie perreis; and thairfoir prayis zow adwyse how that pairt may be eschewit in the meantyme, and that we may retene the possessioun thairof quhill the decisioun of the best richt be diseussit: for I think thairby we sall put hir to hir warrand, seing hir grund man stand vpoun ane vtheris. Sa praying zow to tak cair heirof, bayth for my honestie and my gudesone's weilfair and my dochteris, as ze haif euir kyithed zour loving eairfulnes for me and myne, quhilk as I may I salbe redie to acquyt. And seing we haif sa hardlie withstand the Kingis fwrie anent the delyuerie of that hous, I wald think great schame and ill that now we suld lois the sam. Sa remitting to zour ansuer, committis zow to God. At the New-millis, the xi of Nouember 1596.

Zouris assured at his power,

LOUDOUN.

To my loveing assured guid freind and maistir, Mr. Johnne Scharpe.

Hugh first Lord Loudoun to William Maxwell in Cowglen, 21st November 1596.

188. Rycht traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendatioun. I persaif be zour lettre that my guidsone's few of the Haggis is nocht zit past throw, bot stayis zit wnpast the seillis be Maister George Zoungis impediment, quha will nocht subscryve the same quhill the pryour of Blantyre subscryve first. Trewlie, I lyik nocht that stay; for I feir ane farder to follow: for I suspect that stay to cum be the moyane of the contrair pairtie haifing gottin perchance knawlege thairof. Alwayis I haif writtin ane lettre to the pryour with this beirar schawand him the same, and desyrand his lordschip to subscryve the signatour, that the same may be exped the seillis with diligence, becaus we haif presentlie ado thairwith, in the actioun depending betuix the lady and my guidsone. And in cais the pryour be nocht to ryde schortlie to Edinburgh himself, I haif desyrit his lordschip in my lettre to wryte to Maister George Zoung to subscryve the same and to expeid it fordwart. Bot I think it far meitest that ze ryde to Edinburgh zour self, ather with the pryour or with his lettre, to sie the same done and perfytid as becumis; or wtherwyis I feir we salbe trwmpit and dissapoyntit: and thairfoir, I pray zow, spair nocht travell, seing the mater standis to all our honouris and weillis; for trewlie it is left ovir lowslie, and I feir ane farder impediment. Ze man delyuir this wryting of myne to the pryour zour self; and in cais he be riddin away to Edinburgh or it cum wnto zow, ze man tak the panis to follow thairwithe, and sie all thir twrnis done. The pryour wes bak throw this cuntrie or evir I wist of him; for he come hame throw Air. As to this actioun of probatioun dependand betuix the Lady Wrchill and my guidsone, I pray zow to do quhat ze can to stay all the witnesses that nane compeir; and lyikwyis that ze will instruct thame weill in the mater. For appeirandlie gif the witnesses speik the trewthe, thai can nawayis preif that my guidsone evir tuik that hous, mellit with it, nor zit hes ado with the same: for the trewthe is, quhilk I beleif ze knaw, that my guidsone and I come bayth to Pollok togiddir that tyme eftir zour brother wes slaine, and he wes with me at the taking of the hous of Pollok; bot as to the Haggis, the Laird of Cesnok and my servandis tuik the same; and nather he nor I come neir hand

it; and my servandis keipit it thaireftir quhill George Abirnethie come hame, quha evir sensyne hes bene thairin, and keipis the same; and George Abirnethie ressaifit that hous fra my servandis, and George is nather man, tennent, nor servand, for the present to my guidsone, nor keipis that hous in his name, nor at his eommand. Sa in cais the witnesses be weill informit, appeirandlie gif thai speik the trewthe, they can noeht do him ony ill: zit I wald thai wer haldin bak als lang as thai myeht, and in the meanetyme that thai wer weill informit. Gif ze ga to Edinburgh, ze man ga to Mr. Johnne Seharpe; and I beleif ze man leif the new few ehartour with him quhen it is past the seillis, to avait vpoun the aetioun, and bring the precept hame with zow to tak seasing with. I sie Maistir Johnne Seharpe feiris that my guidsone salbe compellit to warrand this seasing of the ladeis as air to his father; bot he neidis nocht feir the same; for ze knaw my guidsone is nawayis air to his father as zit, nor zit evir neidis to be: bot may entir as air to zour mother, as ze knaw. This ze man instruet Mr. Johnne Seharpe into. Sa haifing na farder oecasioun for the present; remitting the rest to zour awin wisdome and diligence, committis zow to God. At the Newmyllis, the xxi of November 1596.

Zouris at power,

Loudoun.

To my ryeht traist freind Willliam Maxwell in Cowglen.

Requyre ane ansuer to my lettre fra the pryour, and gar George Abirnethie send me the same.

Hugh first Earl of Loudoun to Mr. John Sharp [Advocate, Edinburgh], 23d November 1596.

189. Maister, efter my maist hartlie commendations. I ressauit your lettir, and understandis theirby that the onlie dout ye haiff to produce this new infeftment of my gudesones the Laird of Pollokis of the hous and lands of Haggis is this,—that ye feir my gude sone be haldin to warrand the seasing gevin be his father to the Lady Wrehill his stepmother be reasoun of airschip, as he

quha is air to his father and war not that dout ye think the ground very gude, and therfoir desyres me to expeid my anser to you in that poynt quhat ye sall do. Maister, for anser ze neid to tak na feir therof, for my gudesone is nawayis air to his father as zit, nather in land nor geir, nor zit sall euer be, for ocht I watt off. For it is trew that my gudesones guddame, the last Lairds mother, wes herctrix of the haill leving of Pollok, quha stude full in her awin rycht therof quhill she departed this lyf, quhilk wes bot within this tua or thrie zeir that she deit, and so her sone the last Laird wes neuer infeft in his landis in his lyftyme, bot deit oninfeft therin, so that wpoun necessitie my gudesone man overhip his father and entir air to his guddame, or neuer bruke thai lands. This is the very simpill trewth sa far as I wnderstand or can try, sa I think ther can be na perrell in the warrandice as air to his father in ony sort. As alsua the haill landis ar wnder ward presentlie, and wil be sa thir sax or sevin zeiris, except this piece of the Haggis and hous therof, quhilk now we haif fewit. Thairfoir ze neid not stay wpoun that dout, for that wes foirsene in maner as I haif writin befoir we socht the few. Sa the lady will fynd na advantage that way. Now, maister, all that I wald be at is this, that we may retene the possessioun of the hous as we quha hes the onlie rycht therof, for hir sasing is na worth, seing hir author had na heretabill rycht. As to hir warrand seik it as scho may, for we desyre na mair bot that scho be aneis put therto, or to prove her to be air. Bot quhat euer ze do, I beseik zow foirsie that the Lady got not the possessioun of the hous be this former process intendit againis my gude sone or James Campbell; for the onlie weilfair and honestie of our caus standis in that poynt, that we may retene the possessioun, quhilk I think cannot vpon reasoun be tane fra my gudesone, seing albeit scho mycht be abill to prove her allegation (as I beleve scho sall not) zit we haifing now obtenit ane better rycht nor hiris, quhilk we had nocht befoir, how can scho be abill to get the hous fra ws, except the twa rychts war first discussit, and hiris fund best. Sa, maister, I pray zow to imploy zour ingyne, to fynd out the way how we may keip the possessioun vpon our rycht quhill it be reducit be a bettir, or my gudesone fund air to his father, quhilk will not be gottin. Gif we had had this rycht at the first persute, my gudsone mycht weill haif the hous and keipit the sam but perell; and seing he hes obtenit the rycht therof now, befoir ony decreit is pronunced againis him, I

think seho eannot get the hous be reasoun, quhill scho reduce his rycht. And gif it had been that seho had obtenit decreit againis him for delyuerie therof, I think my gudesone mycht haif suspendit the chairges wpoun this new few, and so reteind the possessioun of the sam: Mekill mair now seing ther is na decreit as zet obtenit againis him, and that he hes ane gude ryeht now, quhilk he had nocht befoir. I pray zow, maister, to see how this part may be best suppleit and helpit, anent the possession of the hous, and heir in ze will lat me haif zour ansuer quhat may be done. As to James Campbell, quhair ze wryt that nathing may availl him bot obedience, it is ane impossibilitie to him to obey in that thing quhairin he hes na power. Bot gif it be bot his horning, I cair littill that mater sa it perrell noeht the delyuerie of the hous. Sa I think the worst therof that ean be is, that the rigour of law be extendit againis James Campbell in his awin persone be horning againis him, bot not in delyueric of my gudsones hous, quhilk he hes nather power of nor rycht wnto. Sa the worst in that I think is bot horning againis him, quhill he obey ane impossibilitie, quhilk I regaird noeht, sa it hurt ws nathing anent the hous randering. The beirar will sehaw zow anent the few eharter, and will lat yow haif the sam quhen neid requyres. To quhais sufficieneie refering the rest, eraiving your pardon for this my fasehwus lettir, in the mekill I am sure ther is mekill out of purpos, commits zow to God. At Pol the xxiii of November 1596.

Yours assured at his power,

Loudoun.

To my ryeht loving assurid gude freind, Mr. Johne Sharp.

William Maxwell of Cowglen to John Schroggie, servitor to John Sharpe, 22d February 1596.

190. Rycht traist freind, eftir my hartlie commendationis. Pleis wit, the Lard of Ardgowand hes causit summond the Laird of Pollok, my brothir sone, to compeir befoir the Lordis of Sessioun the xxiiij day of Februar instant, to heir and sie ane instrument of sesing of the landis of Nethir Kowglen, quhilk apperteins to the Laird of Pollok, transsumptit out of the prothogoll of Constantein Stewart, notar. Bot I mervell quhat he meanis thairby. John Waus, keipar of this

prothogoll buik, is lykvayis ehargit to exhibeit the same. Maire, ze sall wit, that this buik wes produeit be the said John Vaus mair nor ane zeir syne befoir the Lordis, for transsumpting of vther instrumentis at vther menis instance, and is zit thair lyand. Thairfoir it will pleis zow to remembir zour maistir to keip the said day, and compeir for the lard of Pollok to sie quhat the Lard of Ardgowand meanis be this kynd of doing, and to put this sessioun of ony vay. And with Godis grace aganis the nixt sessioun we sall cum bettir inarmit. I think John Vaus sall noeht eum afeild at this tyme. I haif send the copy of the summondis to zour maister, quhilk pleis ressaue. Sua to new oeeasioun, committis zow to God. From the Kowglene, the xxii of Februar 1596.

Zouris at all power,
WILLIAME MAXVELL.

Aduerteis me gif thair is ony thing mair done in the aetioun betuix the Lard of Pollok and the Lady Vrehill.

To his ryeht traist freind, Mr. John Sehroggie,
seruitour to Mr. John Seharpe.

PATRICK MAXVELL to his brother WILLIAM MAXVELL of Cowglen,
11th June 1597.

191. Brother, efter my verrie hartlie commendatioun. I delyuerit the Sehireffis information to Mr. John Seharp, together with ane auld rois noble, and conferit with him at lenthe eoneerning the lardis aetiounes. He red the infeftmentis meid be the lard of Dargavell of the landis of Cowglen to the Lard of Pollok, quhilkis ar noeht sa auld as the sesing gevin be Mathow Erle of Lennoxis to the Lard of Argowane of ane xl s. land of Cowglen Nether, quhilk sesing is gewin in the zeir of God I^{m} V^{c} and ten zeiris. This sesing is in ane auld protogall buik onsubseryuit be the notar: quhilk buik vantis beith sum leiffis of the beginning and ending; sua it apeiris thay haif revin out sum instrumentis that makis aganis thame. The Lard of Argowane desyris this instrument to be transumpit out of the buik, quhilk Mr. John Seharp stayis; quhairvpone

the lordis ar advyisand. Mr. John desyris to sie the first infeftment gewin to oure guidschir of the landis of Cowglen, quhilkis ze mane caus the Schiref to send heir with deligence, together with the sesing of Hagis, quhair the lard hes it haldand of the Kingis Maiestie. The Ladie Vrchill thocht to haif gottin ane decreit of the possessioun of the hous of Hagis, this Sattirday, and that hir proces sould haif bene advysit this Sattirday ; bot I spaik the lordis, and scho hes gottin nathing done. As concerning the declaratour vpoun the gift of the escheit, thair is lytile done thairin as zit ; bot Mr. John hoppis to get sum thing done thairin the nixt oulk, and quhat was done he vryt to the Schiref with the court clark of Air befoir my cuming heir. James Hendersoun sayis to me that na barrell of fedderis come to him from Leith. Mr. Johne Schrogie schew me that he haid send hom zour lettres of horning with Johne Adgeo or with Mathow Balantyne. I heir na newes, bot thair is ane gret vord of the King of Denmarkis in cuming to the Kingis Maiestie. Not haifing farder occatioun to vryt for the present, committis zow to God. Frome Edinburcht, the xi of Junij 1597, at tuelf houris befoir nvin.

Zour luiffing brother to power,
PATRIK MAXVELL.

The caus quhairfoir this beirar stayit sa lang and come nocht home wes becaus Mr. Jone Scharp vaild not vryt ane . . .

To his weilbelouit brother, William Maxvell of Cowglen, this be delyneritt.

HUGH FIRST LORD LOUDOUN to WILLIAM MAXWELL of Cowglenn, 29th January 1597.

192. Traist freind, efter my hartlie commendationis. I haif sene the thesaureris lettir, and zour awin lyikwyis, and persaifis thairby the straitnes of that Lady, and that scho will delay no langer. As for myself, of trewthe, I can nocht win at this tyme ; bot I haif writtin to the Laird of Caprintoun verie ernistlie thairinto, quha wilbe present thairat to do quhat he can : as also Mwngo Mvre wilbe thair with him, quhome to I haif writtin lyikwyis to that effect. As to Cesnok, he is cum hame. Gif Craigenis be in the toun, the Laird of Caprintoun

will move him to avayt thairon lyikwyis. I haif writtin ane veric ernist lettir to my Lord Thesaurer, desyring his Lordschip, as he hes done mekill mair for that zoung man sen his fatheris deathe, that his Lordschip will tak eair of this mater now, and evin to handill the same as it wer his awin, for the honour and weill of that zoung man and his hous; in the quhilk, I dout nocht but his Lordschip sall do his freindlic dewtie. Ze man first travell with Maister William Scott, be moyane and help of the Laird of Caprintoun, to get inspectioun of the process anent the hous of the Haggis, to wit certanelic gif that actioun be provin with ws or againis ws. And gif the same be with ws, out of questioun the Ladeis fwric may be the bettir biddin. Wtherwyis, gif the actioun be provin aganis ws, it is the harder. And gif sua be, ze man be the mair ernist to appoynt. Ze remembir quhat wes my adwyis to zow in that mater at our last parting, quhilk ze may commwnicat with the Laird of Caprintoun as ze find occasioun eftir that ze haif gottin tryell of the proces. And in end, quhen ze sie na bettir, ze man acquent the Thesaurer thairwith quyetlie as ane freind. Ze man obiect to hir the gift of eschcate, and quhat trubell the same will do hir. I haif writtin to my Lord Hercis, bayth that his Lordship cowp nocht ovir my gudesonis waird in the hands of my Lord Maxwell or my Lord Hammiltoun, or ony of thairis, quhilk gif he wald do, it wer ane evill recompence for his fatheris slauchter, and hes desyrit him to appoynt with zow quhair we and his Lordschip may meit for ending of that mater at the kirk of Kilbryde, or sum vthir convenient plaee. I think Wednisday nixttocum, at ten houris salbe best, beeaus I can nocht ressaue bak aduerteisment to keip soner: and Vednisday is the langest that ze may avayt vpoun. For ze man be on Thurisday at evin in Edinburgh at the fardest. Gar haist my Lord Hereis ansuer to me, that I may knaw gif the tryist with him haldis or no. Praying zow to be verie ernist in thir materis with him, speciallie that he dispone nocht the waird to the Lord Maxwell, Lord Hamniltoun or ony of thairis; and gif his Lordschip may nocht be abill to keip tryist now, that ze will leif at sum poynt with him, quhat vthir tyme and place we sall meit with him in this mater. Sa referring the rest to zour awin wisdome and discretioun, committis zow to God. At the Newmyllis, the xxix of Januar 1597.

Zouris at power,

LOUDOUN.

Attour, I will pray zow to send me the eontraet subseryuit be the Lairds of Caldirwod and Newwork, now befoir zour feild ganging, lyikas I sall send zow the vther syde, subscryuit be Caprintoun and Cesnok, quha hes bayth ellis subscryuit the samin. I think it wer gude that ze delyuer na siluir to Margaret Maxwell, nor na vther in hir name, quhill scho first subscryve the contraet. Keip this to zour self. I haif hard ane brute this nycht that my Lord Hereis cuming to Hammiltoun, is delayit for aucht or ten dayis: bot ze will get suirtie thairof in Hammiltoun. And gif this be, I think Caldirwod may keip my gudsones tryist in Edinburgh now at candilmes, or at leist may be with zow within ane day or twa.

To my traist freind, Williame Maxwell of Kowglenn.

William Maxwell, Lord Herys, to William Maxwell of Kowglen, 2d November 1599.

193. My freynd William, I commend me to zow. I wraitt ane letter sehortlie of befoir to zow, anent the silver quhilk ze suld geve me; and becaus I haiff gottin na ansuer thairof be the boy quha caryit it fra me, I traist it be not cumit to zour handis. And in that respeet, I haiff tane occasione to send zow thir few lynes, desyring zow to aduerteis me be zour letter, with this berar, at quhat day I salbe sure of the silver, befoir this nixt terme, as is appointit be zour eontract, and as ze haiff promesit diuers tymes sensyne: quhilk I will luike for tua or thre dayis befoir the terme, becaus, vpon zour appointment and promeis, I haiff promesit to geve it away to men quha will suirlie luike for it at my handis; and thairfoir I traist ze will not disappoint me. Sua awating zour ansuer in writt with this berar heiranent, (and traisting ze will not faill to keip promeis,) I committ zow to God. Terreglis, the seeund day of Nouember 1599.

Zour freynd,

Herys.

To my loving freynd, William Maxwell off Kowglen.

ANDRO BELL, Linlithgow, to KATHRING HAMMILTONE, Spouse to Captain Brwis, in Airth, 4th June 1607.

194. Maistres, efter hartlie recommendatione. I wret to zow befoir my fe[ild ganging,] to hawe givine that litill sowme to my vyf: now seing that it is nocht done, I will re[quest] zow as to delyver it to this beirrer, my servand; the sowme beand vi quarters [ ] pund of lint, extendand to v lib. the steane, at viii pund ii shillingis, vi pence. Sa I dowt nocht bot ze will send it, becaws I hawe to do at this tyme; and be Godis gracc, at my returning fra Danskine ze sall hawe beter geir nor ze gat, giff ze pleis, or zit ony vther that ze will send; for the lint is gwid this zeir. Nocht trubling zow with farther, bot my hummle serveis remembrit to the Caiptane zour howsband, and bairnis, commitis zow all in Godis holie protectione. Of Lythquo, this 4 of June 1607.

Zouris with serveis to his power,

ANDRO BELL.

To the Honorable Kathring Hammiltone,
spows to Caiptane Brwis, in Airth.

ALEXANDER CUNINGHAME of Corshill to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 27th March 1613.

195. Pleis zow worschipful and loving eme, I being informed be the erle of Glencarne, that my lord Vchiltrie is riddin presentlie to Edinburgh to rasawe money fra the Thesaurer, hawe thocht guid to direct this vther lettir vnto him, quhilk lettir it will pleis zow reid, subscrywe, and send vnto him with ane of zowr awin, quha can baithe speik and delyvir the lettir. Caus forme ane discharge in James Hammiltoune's name, conforme to the rycht maid to him, and caus him subscryve the samin, quhilk zowr servand man trustilie keip till he resawe the haill money. Find na fault suppois I hawe craiffit meikle; for they that askis mekle will get pairt. Thus referring all farder heirin to zowr awin dili-

genee and discretioune, my hartlie commendatiounis remembrit, committing zow to God, I remane,

Zowr cusing at powar,

A. Corshill.

Gewe credeitt to zowr beirar to tak anuell and seeuritie quhill Witsonday, gif he can do no bettir.

Finlestoun, the 27 of Marche 1613.

To his worschipful and loving eme,
Schir Jhone Maxwell of Nather Pollok, Knycht.

Alexander Cuninghame of Corshill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 12th December 1615.

196. Pleis zow worschipfull Sehir, I hawe resavit zowr lettir: quhairas ze wryt that ze mervell of the ehairge gevin to zow, and of the narratiwe of my lettir in making mentioune that ze refusit to beir furth with me to the end of that trovble that we fell into be the lord Ochiltrie, and efferming that ze nevir refusit to beir with me, and that becaus ze payit zour equall pairt of expensis. For ansuer heirto, I am not to count so narrowlie with zow as for anie diffirence of expensis that was debursed be ather of ws. Bot my caus of complaint is that I hawe not resavit so mekle bak agane be sax hundrethe markis as ze hawe done: quhilk fell furth pairtlie in zowr default, and pairtlie in my awin, eftir this maner; to wit, quhill as I was egrieing with Barnebarroche as zowr agent and my awin, ze send James Hammiltoune's dispositioun to Edinburgh, with Ringand Gilhagie, quha aledged that he haid direetioune of zow not to delyvir the samin to me vnles I delyvrit to him the sowme of twelf hundrethe markis, quhilk I culd not do, in respeet I gat onlie xii^{c} markis to ws baithe, and ane band for the rest. Swa beeaus ze wald not gewe me eredeit of the said dispositioun, I was forced to gewe ane band to procure the samin at ane day thaireftir, in the quhilk band I forzet to mak exceptioun of zow and me,

swa that I was in his reverence of the haill sowme, and was forced to discharge to him four hundrethe markis of twelf contenit in his band. I confes my awin errour, bot it proceidit fra zowr incredolitie. Quhairvpone I desyrit the zowng guidman of Doucheld, and my uncle Patrik Cunyghame, to desyre of zow in my name that ze wald relewe me of the equall half of the said four hundrethe markis, quhilk ze refusit to do. In respect quhairof I culd do no les nor seik my releif as [I] culd : in seiking quhairof I hawe debursed vther twa hundrethe markis : swa that I am in the distres of sax hundrethe ; quhilk gif ze will pay to me, I will discharge the officer ; vtherwayis ze man excuis me to seik the law, becaus I hawe to do thairwith. Thus not dowting zowr worschip will hauld me excusit, and not esteme me to daell wrangouslie with zow ; my hartliest commendationis remembrit, committing zow to God, I rest,

Zowr eme at powar,

A. Corshill.

Corshill, the 12 of December 1615.

To the rycht worschipfull his assuired loving eme,
Schir Jhone Maxwell of Nather Pollok, Knycht.

Edward Maxwell of Hillis, and others of the name of Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 29th April 1616.

197. Rycht honorable and luiffing freind, we hawe beine this day apoun consultatioun and advysment with zour cheiff, the Maister of Maxwell, anent his present stres of dett and releiff thairof, at this nixt terme, being xl i^m^ lib. quhairwith we dowt nocht ze ar acquentit. Quhilk, albeit we wald be maist willing to supplie be the hessart and ingadgeing of our estatis, boithe anc and all, as God knawis, and wald be maist glaid, and think our selfes, or onie of vs, maist happie gewe we cowld supplie the distres of that hows, quhairof we ar cumit, and hes our being vnder God and the King ; zit nather hawe we monie for supplement thairof, nather will we be rasawet pledges and cawtioneris to sik as may do the same, albeit we war never so willing, as we dowt nocht ze knaw. He hes alswa beine schawand vs of sum tretie and dealling betwix the Erle of

Abereorne and him anent the provyding of the same sowme, the conditiounes quhairof we think verie hard, gewe the silver eowld be furnesit be onie of our avin name apoune the same conditiounes. Albeit me Lordis desyre is noeht-withstanding verie resonable, and the Maister sehawis vs alswa that my Lord Abireorne wald raither it sowld be furnesit be one of the name of Maxwell, quhairin his Lordsehip sehawis his aecustomit favour towardis the Maister, and the hows and name. And being altogidder advysand thairvpoune, and vnderstanding zow to be ane maist abill and fit of all our name to effeetuat that bissines, we hawe taine all oeeasioun, be thir presentis, maist hartlie to intreit zow to tak the burdeine of doing the same, seing ze baithe sie present releiff, and seeuritie of all his landis, and vtherwayis quhat imminent danger may fall of extirping of the hows. For gewe ze do the turne, and the Maister fall be deeeis, we think our lois noeht greit, haweing zow to suceeid as our eheiff, being all of ane raee, bluid and name. In doing quhairof, ze bind ws not onlie all to zow in tyme euming, bot ze will be aeeowntit ane happie member of the hows ever heirefter, and dois to zour selfe the greitest honour and guide fame that ean be. Bot gewe ze refuis, as we dowt noeht ze will do, boithe for the hope of zour avin preferment and eredeit and our perpetuall luifes, quhilk we dowt not ze will deiplie considder, then we will mak ehois nixt of the conditiounes sett doun betwix the Erle of Abereorne and the Maister, as ane maist luiffing proteetour of vs, and ane maist kynd noble man to that hows and our name; provyding alwayis that sik of his bairnes as his Lordsehip sall prefer to that plaee, sall ever thairefter, and his posteritie hawe the name and armes of Max-well, quhairwith we dowt nocht his Lordship will be contentit, that the hows may stand. Swa refering all thingis to zour dew and guide eonsideratioune, in this greit bissines, we tak our lewe, and bidis zow maist hartlie fareweil, praying God ze may considder the mater ryehtlie. Drumfreis, the penult of Apryle, 1616.

Zour luiffing freindis at all power,

Edward Maxwell.	Williame Maxvell.
R. Maxuell of Porterak.	Eduard Maxwell of Hillis.
Homer Maxwell of Speddoches.	Archibald Maxwell of Cowhill.
Edward Maxwell of Ile.	Conhaith.

To the rycht honorable and our luiffing freind, the Laird of Poik,—These.

JOHN NICOLL, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 17th June 1616.

198. Rycht honorable, my deutie remcmberit, . . . Thair is na newis heir, schir, bot sik as occurres daylie to zow, quhilk is that thair is strait ordour to be tane with papistes, and the Erle of Huntlie is committit to waird in the castell of Edinburgh, quhairof I dout not ze haif hard word. Sa haiffing nocht ellis, my deutie rememberit to zour maistership and lady, I rest,

Zouris to his power with seruice,

JOHNNE NICOLL.

Edinburgh, the 17 of Junij 1616.

Schir, I will requeist zow to caus the berar delyuir ane lettre to Mr. Johne Fergusoun, minister; he is sister's sone, and thair is danger in delay of the lettre.

To the rycht honorabill, the Laird of Neddir Pollok,—These.

ROBERT LORD MAXWELL, afterwards EARL OF NITHSDALE, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 13th October 1618.

199. Richt honorable Schir, eftir maist hertlie commendatiounis, pleas zow witt, that vpone tweltt of this instant, I cam post to Leithe, and hes gottin ane indiffcrent gude end to my effairis, as att meitting I sall shaw zow. Thairfoir I requeist zow to ryde to Newwark, and end with him vpone quhat conditioun soewer. For giff thair cum worde to him of ony favour to me, it will mak him the straitter. Giff my brother James be cummit out of Niddisdaill, faill nocht bot ze and he meitt at Edinburgh vpone the nixt counsell day. Remember my seruice to my mother, giff scho be thair. Schir George Hammiltoun is at Londoun, and hes gottin his effaires ressonablie weill done. Delyuer this

vther lettre to my Ladie Abercoirne. So till meitting commeitting zow to God,

I rest zour lowing cwsing,

MAXWELL.

Leythe, the xiii of October 1618.

To the richt honorable Schir Johne Maxwell of Nether Pollok.

ROBERT LORD MAXWELL, afterwards EARL OF NITHSDALE, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 31st July 1619.

200. Schir, the vnsertentie of the Marques of Bukinghame his hithercuming haith maid me so longsum in sending to zow, quhairof I am nocht zeit fullie resoluit. If he had cumit, I vald nocht haue gone to Court till his return. I haue mouiet me Lord of Glasgow to deall vith my mother anent my bissines in the Mernis. I intret, so sone as ze haue resauit this letter, ze will ryde in to the toune and confer particulerle vith me Lord, quha, I expect, vill go one cours vith zou for settilling all meteris; my mother haith still hir auin firmes and doutis quhich ze man preis to cleir. And giue ther sall be anie apperence of ending, send ane pouer to me, that I mey put my hand to the sam, quhairby ze mey do as ze think fit for my ueill. I sall send Mr. Johne Merscheill to sie zow sum dey in the nixt veik, for I mynd efter I sall mak my excuses to the Marques of Hamiltoun be wret to tak jirney to Ingland, quhich vill be touartis Frydey or Setterdey nixt. So, vith my hartlie affeesion, I do remein,

Zour moist luifing cusing,

MAXUELL.

Edinborghe, Julij the last, 1619.

Ye sall caus delyuer this vther letter to me Lord of Glasgow, quhairinto thairis onlie credit as ye mey persaue; clois it. I spak me Lord Deuk, quha haith promisit befoir auld Robert, at his returning from the north, to do thir bissines.

To my mutsch respected cusing, Schir Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok.

These.

ROBERT LORD MAXWELL, afterwards EARL OF NITHSDALE, to SIR JOHN MAXUELL of Pollok, 10th Deeember 1619.

201. Sir, I persaue quhat eair ze haue alueyis of my eredit, and knois how imposabill it had bein vithout zew, in my absenee, to haue settillit my trubilsome bissines as I heir they ar. I will noeht sie zew my selfe till it be neir Vitsondey; in the tyme I sall noeht be eairles of the burdings ze ar onder for me, and as zour brother do, in quhat I haue eredit or power for zew if ze will let me know. If ther ean be munie had from Sir Gidion, send it to me; if ther ean be none had ther, ze man vse zour eredit as befoir, and furnisch to me so sone as ze posabillie mey. Tak it noeht vnkyndlie that I am slow in wreting: ze sall kno the eaus in my nixt letter, quhieh sall be or it be lang. I think best Crageis metters rest all to my hameuming, both in the prosiding of his mariage, and the rest: zeit let him be sumtyme ther if ze find it gud. I thank God I am in gud health, and my weyfe hes hir hartle rememberit to zew till ze be better aeqientit. I ean sey nothing, bot do in quhat eonserns me as ze think fit. I sall be eairfull of that meter of the Erle of Abereorns moir nor it var my auin.

I sall be euer zour louefing brither,

MAXUELL.

Neumarket, the ten of Desember 1619.

I do intreit ye will remember my seruiee to your Ladie and Kirsten.

To my luifing freind, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Pollok.

[Indorsed by Sir George Maxwell of Pollok:—"Robert Lord Maxwell's kynd letter to Sir John—the sam Robert that was therafter Earl Nidisdaill."]

MR. THOMAS HOPE, afterwards Lord Advocate, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 27th April 1621.

202. Rycht honorable, I ressauit yours this day, daitit 19 Apryll, and hes directit the vther with one of my awin to Sir Robert Steuart, to Schillinglaw, quhair he remaynes; and thairby hes earnestlie interponit my humbill requeist to haif informatioun sent to my Lord Duikis grace, for theis bussines of yours, both off the holding and few off the kyndlie rowmes, quhairin I expect his ansuer and will, without the quhilk ze knaw I can do nothing without greit offense. I trust Sir Robert salbe pleasit to deigne me with ane ansuer; and as I heir of him, ze sal expect advertisement with the first occasioun.

I gif yow hartlie thankis for the rememberance of the Erle of Nithisdaill in my particuler; and becaus his lordship is bussyit in greit matteris, I am loth to be importune him, and thairfor dois intreat zow to be my solliciter, with the assurance that if my erand succeid, zea sal haif ressoun to accompt it the best bestowit kyndnes that ze did to ane off my coit in your tyme. For I hate to be vnthankfull, and I trust the Lord sal not tak me from the vse off this service till I haife requit all my oblischementis, quhairof that of yours, nixt to my Lord's himself, salbe principall. So remembering my humbill seruice to his Lordschip and yourself, I commit yow to the mercie of God, and restis

Zours in all dewtie to be commandit with seruice,

THOMAS HOPE.

Edinburgh, 27 April 1621.

To the rycht honorabill Sir Johne Maxwell off Pollok, Knycht.

SIR JAMES MAXWELL of Calderwood, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 3d September 1622.

203. Rycht worschipfuill Schir and loving cusing, I haif caussyt Bartyll Robertoun forme ane aquyttance to my guid sone, James Lyndsay, of his fackturry of my leving air conforme tu the fytit and subscryfit comptt buick subscryfit bi baith

our handis, and my sonis handis alswa. And now I am informit, beeaus James Lyndsay has tain anc rowme in his hand, and thairfoir wald haif anc gryter fyell for the loissis he may sustein throw his absence fra his hous, trewly I mynd nevir to vp set vncertein loissis; and for his expanssis in my seruice, nather hie nor nain that past befoir evir spandit any mony in my seruice. I knaw my nissicer affairris of my avin hous best of any man, and quhan I haif ado tyll imploy hym, I sall ather gang with hym or ellis bystow my mony on hym to maik hym free, and na ather way. For I mynd nacht that hie sall maik any trawell in my affairis except it bei bei my avin direcktioun; sa thair salbe na expenssis maid bei hym, except only the panis of his boddy and mynd: Thairfoir, assuir zour self hie sall spand na mony in thays affairris doing bei my avin direcktioun, and I haif gevin hym in payit mony for the tyme past, sen my sonis maryag, fyv hunder and forty markis; and I wald be glaid that my wyf and my self had of all the estait of the hous ane hundryth markis at the zeiris end. And gyf it wer nacht to my avin guid sone, I wait the half of it I gyf hym myeht bie ane fuill satisfacktioun, quhair I intertcine hors and man in meit and drynk symmer and wynter. Schir, I haif leifit in gryt straitis thes tyme past, and I wald anis in my avin tyme sei the fruitis of my labour, gyf it may stand with Godis plesour: thairfoir schaw hym my hous man bei in anc better estait, or ony freind neid to luick for revard. Swa haifing na farder occatioun for the present, my scruice rememberryt to zour bedfallow, I rest and sal remain,

Zouris luving cusing, at all pover utermost to serue zow,

J. Calderwod, Kny^t.

Myltoune, the 3 of September 1622.

To the rycht wirschepfuill and his mast assuirryt cwsing,
Schir Johne Maxwell of Nathir Pollock, Knycht.

Mr. William Maxuell, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxuell of Pollok,
23d November 1628.

204. Rycht honorable, since the wryting of my last lettre vnto your worship, the

artieles of agreement betuixt the King of Franee and the Rosehell heathe eome in my hands : quhairfoir, seing I reeeaved thame, I thoeht I eould not bot send a double of thame to your worship, quhilk your honor sall reeeave heirin ineloset, verbally eopiet aff the English exemplar sent from Court in the last paequet. I heir nothing farder then quhat wes in my last lettre direet to your worship, exeept that the Kings Majesty heathe promisit to pay all the Erle of Mortoune's debt, albeit it wer 40^{m} lib. sterling. It is for eertaintie that Sir William Alexander is eome home againe from Nova Seotia, and heathe left behind him 70 men and tua weemen, with provisioun to serve tham be the spaee of ane yeir, being plaeet in a pairt of the countrie quhilk is a naturall strenthe ; togithir withe some eannoun, muskett, pouder, and bullet, in eaiee of some suddent invasioun, togither with all thingis neeessar for thair present vse, and is to goe hither againe in the spring with a new plantatioun. Bot sinee he eame home the Englisehe men ar suiten of his Majestie a patent to plant and possesse quhatsumever lands thairof quhilk they please, and these to be halden of the Crowne of England. Quhat salbe the event, I know not. These only haive I heard sinee the dait of my last letter ; and withe what heirefter sall fall furthe, I sall not faill to aequent your worship. Sua withe my humble love, and ever willing serviee remembrit to your worship and all youris,

I remaine, zour worship's most humble and obedient servant,

W. Maxuell.

Edinburghe, 23 November 1628.

To the ryght honorable and verie muehe respeeted Sir Johne Maxuell of Nether Polloke, Knyeht.

Mr. John Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 24th Mareh 1629.

205. Rieht honorabill Sir, my love in dewtie remembrit, I thoeht gud to aequent yow of sick oeeurentis as hes beine heir sinee the wryting of my last lettre, which ar : Thair is eertantie eum from eourt of the Quein's being with ehyld ; for the quhilk eaus this day the Sessioun sat not, bot preaehing and bailfyris

hes beine vsit, and declairit in pulpit. She is with quiek chyld ; swa it is heir thocht altogidder that his Maiestie will no eum heir at this tyme. It is confidentlie reportit heir that his Maiestie is borrowing fra the estaitis of the Low Cuntries fyfteine hunder thowsand pund sterling, for the quhilk the Ile of Wight is to be ingadgit, and the traffique of England ; quhairat the Englishmen ar michtilie commovit ; quhilk will spoyll thair traffick, and mak the seas lowse for enemeis. This day being the counsell day, my Lady Abercorne wes citit befoir the Lordis be the Ministrie, and they haiue gottin hoirning and captioun agains hir, and is myndit presentlie to vsit ; and the Advocat to insist vpon that hoirning for declarator of hir lyfrent, for my Lord Sempillis declarator wes stayit. Bryce Sempill wes lykwyse callit this day, and becaus he citit not Johnn Sempill to heir his petitioun, they haiue delayit him, and ordanit him swa to doe againe Fuirsday nixt : for Jon absentit him for that purpose. Quhat cours beis taine thairin ze sall be adverteisit ; for Hadingtoun, the President, is michtilie agains Bryce, for the discord wes betwix my Lord Boyd and Lord Sempill. My Lord Nithisdaill hes sent doune a paeket, quhairin I heir he is to be at hame shortlie, and is causing provyd for him at Drumfreis. Quhat farder I heir thairin ze sall be adverteisit, for it is bot presently cum. Swa to the nixt occasioun and evir, I rest,

Youris worship's awin servand,

JOHNN MAXWELL.

Edinburgh, 24 Mairch 1629.

To the right honorabill my cheiff, the Laird of Nethir Pollok. Thes.

JOHN MAXWELL of Barfill to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Nether Pollok, 3d August 1629.

206. My humbell serweis remembrit ; Pleis zour honour, haweing the commodete of this beirer, I hawe thocht guid to acquent zour honour with sum of the affaris in this cuntre. I spak with my Lord of Nidisdaill this last Fryday in sum bissenes betuix my Lord my maistir and his Lordship. I persawe be his Lordship that he is nocht weill plesit that the blok of the landis of the heid of

Annirdeill is gon the way it is goine, bot now it is to lait; bot I was plane with his Lordship that he was pairt of the wayt thairof, in regard I haid sindre tymeis offirit it to his Lordship. Bot his Lordship, albeit he cowld nocht say wthirwayis, zit he pat the wayt in me Lord my maistiris slanes; zit I hoip to draw thame togidder gif thair Lordships will tak ony kyndle cownsell. The silwir is resawit and dewydit; to wit, Sir Thomas Hoip hes resawit xix thowsand markis, and fyfe hundir in name and behalf of my Lord of Annirdeill, with fyfe thowsand and fyfe hundir to Mr. Waltir Quhaytfurd, and tua thowsand to the awld Lade Jonstoun; the rest is gifin to sum wthir dettouris. As to my Lord of Nidisdeillis awin turneis, sua far as I can larne, thay go hardle. For as I schaw zour honour, his Lordship cam out of Lundoun with grit haisard, and his serwand, Capten Edward Maxwell, is tane for sum four hundir pund starling borrowit to his Lordship, and put in the hardest prison that dettouris is put in. Eftir lang conferans with his Lordship, I was bald to speir for his Lordship's soun. His Lordship schow me that he haid send him to Ingland. Zit I waild not be that bald to speir quhat pairt of Ingland he haid send him to. Bot I lernit thereftir that he was gon to Lundoun, and my Lordis tua brethir with him; for what purpois no man is serten, bot is suspee to suit to his Maiestie for releif of his Lordship's dettis. God send him guid speid! As to any of zow that is his Lordship's nobill freindis in that euntre, he haid na woird to me, nocht sua meikill as to speir how ony of zow did.

As to my awin afferis heir, thai go were hardle at the plesour of God, prasit be God of all that he sendis! for my haill and gretest part of my howsell hes tane the pokis, and my secound sone Patirrik is depairtit this lyfe, and my eldest dochtir at the punt of daithe also; and gif scho dei, I wil be wtirle wrykit! beseiking God of his grit merse to send me ane pairt of Jobis patiens, becaus I am nocht abill to reiche to the haill, in regard my hert is halfe rent owt of me. God send comfort as it plesis his Maiestie, and when it plesis him! As to the boy Patirrik, he departit in Drumfrece, and was becum ane likle persoun as cowld hawe beine of his age, and the lykst to our hows of all my barneis; and, as the mastir informis me, he waild hawe beine ane skoller: bot sen the Lord hes tane him, prasit be he! I thank God he gat ane honorabill bureell, and is laid in the Maxwellis ayle, and lyis within the lenthe of ane lans

to zour fathir. I think my dayis can nocht be lang, in respec of the [sorrow] that is at my hart: and gif it cum schortlie, I lewe John my sone to zour honour, nocht dowting bot ze will do for him as ane puir membir desendit of zour hous; I hawe send for him, gif he be alyfe to gif me sum comfort, because I am now comfortles. Sua to the nixt occatioun, or our meiting, the quhilk I hoip sell newir be, I tak my lewe, beseiking God that how lang I lewe that I may heir of zour honouris grit honour and the weill and standing of zour hows and esteit; and sua restis, zour honouris serwand to be commandit to daithe cum,

JOHN MAXWELL of Barfill.

Barfill the thrid of Agust, 1629.

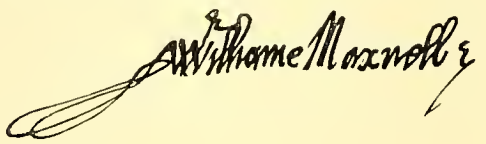
To the honorabill and my mast speciall guid freind, Sir John Maxwell of Polk, Knycht. Theis.

MR. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Advocate, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 20th September 1629.

207. Rycht honorable, according to my dewti, I resolved, efter this last Counsell day, to advertise your worship of four things quhilk wer doune in Counsell at this tyme. And first, tuiching the approbatioune of the 4 decreits laitlie signed be his Maiestie, quhilk his Maiestie wold have by consent of the Counsell proclamed, the Lords of Counsell hes approven the samyne, and ordainit thame to be proclameit: and for the tenor of thame, your vorship shall resave heir with ane paper severally concerning the same. Thai ar to be proclameit this day. Secundly, concerning the Marques of Huntlie, his lettres direct by his Maiesti to the Counsell, it is not of that tenour as is commonly reported; for it beires only this in narrative—That his Maiestie is informed that the Marques is villing to geive all satisfactiounc to the doctrinne and disciplinne of the Kirk: as lykwayes hes promised to his Maiestie, and fund cautioune, vnder the paine of defamatioune, not to cary himself scandalouslie, nor to resaive nor heave companie with seminary preists and jesuits, in contrair the lawis and acts of parliament maid in favouris of the Kirk of Scotland: therefor his

Maiestie desyrs the Counsell, but especially the Bishope of St. Androws, (for to him is the lettre directit,) to superceid the executioune of Kirk disciplin against him till his Maiestie be informed be the Counsell wpoune the contrarie. This is all that is so mueh talked of. Thirdly, as tuiehing the complaint movid to the Lords of Counsell against the Cireuit Courts, the Counsell hes heard the samine, and hes ordainit letters to be wryttinne vnder the handis of the Lordis of Counsell to the severall commissionars of Justiciarie dischargeing thame of the punisching of thes quho ar guiltie of the break of any of the penall statuits quhois break preceids August 1628: as also diseharging thame simplieiter of proceiding against the transporters of linine cloth furth of the countrey. Ferdly and lastly, anent the supplicatioune moved be the toune of Glasgow against the toune of Lanerk for exemptioune of thes within the regalitie of Glasgow quho ar dilait to be attaitchit to the cireuit to be holdinne within the Tolbuith of Lanerk, from coming to Lanerk, bot that the Lords wold dispense with the place, and suffer thame to remaine in Glasgow, and thair to be tryed, they have refuised to heir thair supplicatioune qwhill first the toune of Lanerk be cited to heir the exemptioune grantit. Thes ar all that wer doune the last counsell day. Quhen farder occurs I sall not be unmyndful of my selfe, for by so doing I wold forgett you in dewti and affectioune, but shall advertise yow as possibly I can heav oeeasioune, and matters falls furth. Wnto the quhilk tyme (being remembred to your worship), and for ever I remaine, as I ought to be,

Your worship's in all dewti and affectioune to be commandit
be your worship as be my self,



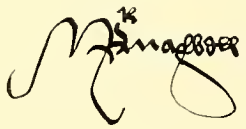
Edinburgh, 20 September 1629.

To the ryeht honorable his very loving eousein,
Sir Johne Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Knycht.

Mr. P[atrick ?] Maxwell, a brother of Mr. William Maxwell, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 9th October 1629.

208. Richt honorabill and much respectit freind, my comendatiounes premittit. Thes ar zour worship to knaw that I haif ressauit zour lettre direct to my brother, quho in his absence doeth recommend to me the cair of his bussiness, and hath sent, conforme thairto, the answeris of zour lettre. Zour worship sall ressave thairfoir his Maiestics decreittis inprint. I wold haif sent ane vther to my father, bot thair was not ane vther to be had; for thair is not any, at the leist verie few, as zit extant. Bot the mater is all one; for I knaw the samyne quhilk I haif sent will be maid commoun to zour worship and my father. I haif sent lykwayes to zour worship the crymes that falleth vnder the compas of the Circuit Courtis; togidder with sum exceptiounes such as I could invent. Bot if my brother, Maister Williame, had bein in Edinburgh himselff, he wald haif sent both moe and perschance better; for he is over the watter with my lord, his maister: nather do I knaw of his returne as zit. I knaw not of any novellis be ressone the samyne ar not occurrent. Bot quhen my brother, Maister Williame, cumeth agane to Edinburgh, I sall not desist to caus him frequent and adverteis zour worship thairwith, if any be. No more; bot haveing my commendatiounes remembrit to zour ladie, to my father and my mother, committing zow to the protectioun of the Almichtie, I rest,

Zoures to power,



Edinburgh, 9 of October, 1629.

To the richt honorabill and his much respectit freind, Sir Johne Maxwell of Nather Pollok, Knicht. Thes be gevin.

JOHN MAXWELL, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
11th November 1629.

209. Rieht Honorabill Sir, pleas you zour decrcit wes decernit the last Sessioun, as Mr. Robert and I shew yow; bot Mr. James Law hes bot presentlie vptaking the mony vpon the Seeretaris band givin in securitie thairof, as ze may perceave be your decreit, quhilk resseave, togidder with the registrat band. It behuifit to be eallit on Twysday last, becaus the Secretaris band wes posterior to the deereit, and the decreit, as I shew yow of befoir, eould not be extractit quhill the mony wes vptaking and seeurity givin; quhilk ze may perseave wes the caus of this beircris stay.

For ane exeheker day thair will be naine quhill the thessaurer or his deput be heir; bot Orknay rent, as I haiue advysit with Adam Cunyghame, will nawayes delay on that.

My Lord Yester is at court, and is shortly expeetit to be at home.

I heir my Lord Nithisdaill generally be all is in great credeit with his Maiestie, and sum sayes he will be doun at this terme for setling of his effairis, speciallie for selling the Mernis, quhilk I think my Lord Yester be working with him for. The toun of Edinburgh, as I am informit be the elerks men, will haiue up thair monyis at this terme; and so will cum doun, bot not stay. Thomas Maxwell shawes me his lady wret so to him.

Thair wer dyvers proclamatiounes by heraulds yisterday: namlie, the Earll of Kaitnes and his sone, my Lord Berruidaill, ar, as exeommunicat papistis, chairgit to compeir befoir the Counsell, vnder the paine of treassoun, and seasing on thair housses: and becaus thair estait is intrustit to sum mercheandis of Edinburgh, the mercheandis ar ordainit to exhibeit thame betwix and Mairch, vytherwayes to mak eompt of thair estaitis to the King.

My Lord Gordoun chairgit to delyver his sone to be educat and broght up at Sanctandrois or Cambridge, as he pleassis.

My Lord Nithisdaill ehairgit in the lyk: they addit to him by the rest—vehemently suspect. A roll of the excommunieatis is ordanit by the said proclaimatioune to be fixit in the Tolbuith, that na proces be grantit to thame.

My Lord Sutherland is chairgit to depryve Sir Alexander Gordoun of his

Deputrie in his Shirefdome, becaus he is excommunicat, and the leidgis dischairgit to give suit or presens befoir him.

A rentall is ordanit to be givin up of the excommunicantis rentis, that his Maiestie may intromet with the two pairt.

All the excommunicantis that ar in prisson ar ordanit to be detenit; and as farder occurris I sall not deteine thame.

I sall search for your chalmer the first leasour permittis.

Marchiestoun abaid his tryellis the last weik, bot no newes thairof as yit.

All the bishopis ar ordanit to reteir to thair dyoceesis, and thair abyd with thair families.

I requeist that your worship caus a boy go to Paisley with this packet, quhairin is contenit dyvers lettres, etc.

So heaving not ellis for the present, quhill farder occasioun permitt, I rest

Your worship's awin servand,

JOHNN MAXWELL.

Edinburgh, 11 November 1629,
at 6 houris at evning.

My Lordis brother Johnn is mariet on the commisseris dochter, since his deceis, on the morne thaireftir, and within two dayes went to Court. I heir they zeid over the mairch to mary.

To the right honorabill my cheiff,
Sir Johne Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Knight.

JOHN MAXWELL of Barfill to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
30th December 1629.

210. My dewte with seruis rememberit; Pleis zour honour, eftir I pertit with zour honour, I reid wpon the morne to Nework, quher I spak with my brothir in my awin partecular; bot I find be him that he can conferme no rycht that can contenow langer nor his awin tyme: bot he sayis his oy, with the consent of his curetouris, can conferme; bot he feris that the curetouris in Angows sell

noeht gif thair eonsent: as also the eontrak is noeht zit broeht owt of Angows, the quhilk seimis to me onlie to put my bissenes to deley: bot I hawe eoncludit to lat God woirk my adois, as I sell informe zour honour farder at meiting: and in the meine tyme remembir my serweis to that nobill man, Sehir Thomas, quhome I think my selfe far oblesit to, and findis the fat in our selfes, and noeht in him that our maeh zeid noeht forward. Thairfor, I beseik zour honour, sen we ar the eaus of deley, lat his honor sleip na guid oeeatioun to his barne: beseiking God of his grit merse to bliss him and his barnis also. Sua to meiting I tak my lewe, and restis ewir,

Zour honouris serwand to be eommandit,

JOHN MAXWELL of Barfill.

Newark, the penult of Desember 1629.

To the honorabill and my speeiall guid freind,
Sehir John Maxwell of Nathir Polk, Knyeht. Theis.

SIR WILLIAM HAMILTON, third son of James first Earl of Abereorn, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 7th January 1630.

211. Honorable Sir, having aeqwentit sindrie of my freindis that I am going over seies to tray my fortowne, and yow being on of whoes freindshipe I have alwys had pruffe, and never being able to reqwyt the sam, hes takin oceasione by these to randir yow thankes; expeeting zee will eontinow to gif your best advyee in my affaires as oeeasion offeres. So with my love remembrit to your lady, I rest,

Yours ever to be eommandit,

SIR WILLIAM HAMILTON.

Londowne, the 7 off January 1630.

To the right worshipfull my very loving and mueh respeetit freind,
Sir Jhone Maxwell of Polloek, Knight. These.

Mr. Hugh Blair, Glasgow, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 26th February 1630.

212. Richt honorable, pleas zour worship, after my return, Kelburn and I went in to the Bichop, and spak him concerning my tryall, and he desired me to bee prepairing my self for them; bot in particular, I perceave he intends to doe nothing till he see the presentatioun, and so all will bee delayit till that ayther your worship come, or send the presentatioune. Now, if it be delayit, and I no admitted befoir the sowing tyme, I will vndoubtedlie loise both the gleib and the stipend this zeir; quhilk I perceave your worship's cousing, Mr. John, doubts no bot I will loise: for he says that he servit three zeers but onie stipend, and he hes sett the gleib and the house this zeir to the man that sould have the rest of his land: and sua zour worship sees the inconvenient to be great of the delay of my admissioun, and of schowing the presentatioun. Quhairfoir, thes ar to requeist zour worship, if zee come no home this week, on Tuesday or Wednsday, quhilk I doubt of now, becaus of Auchinbrek's comming, to send the presentatioun, and for exoneratioun of your worship at my Lady's hand for filling it vp, ayther send a lettre to the granter, or I will assuir your worship, if zee send it to me, I sall doe nothing till I goe to the granter with Mr. John's assignatioun, and so he fill it vp proportionallie, acording to his. I will intreit zour worship to doe it, for it will be a verie great loas to me to delay: as also, if it pleas zour worship, it wer gud to writt to the Bichop, and requeist him no to delay me. Sua committing zour worship, and zour worship's lady, and all your worship's effairs, to the mercie and blissing of God, and hoiping ayther for your worship or the presentatioun, I rest,

Zour worship's awn servitour to power,

Mr. H. Blair.

Glasgow, the 26 of Februar 1630.

To the richt honorable Sir John Maxwell of Neither Pollok, Knicht.

JOHN BOYLE of Kelburne to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
7th March 1630.

213. Richt honorabill sir, I receaved lettres frome zou, togidder with ane presentatioun frome my L. of Abercorne to zour kirk of Eistwood, blank; and hes, according to the desyr of zour lettir, spokin with zung Blair, quha hes taikin Tysday nixt to effectuat his buissines with the zung man; as also that day is appointed to bring the granter and Robert Alexander, according as ze desyrit, to fill wp the blankis in the presentatioun: at quiche tyme I sall performe all the rest that ze haive inyonit me be zour lettir befoir his name be continit thairin, and sall advertise zou thairafter with the first occasioun. I spak the Bischope lykwayis, quha I hope sall be willing; bot can do nothing quhill Mr. Johne Maxwellis dimissioun (concerning quhilk ze may talk with [him] zour self, seing he is cum cist). As for zour buissiness, I persaive ze haive nocht gottin so guid expeditioun as boith I wisched and expected, bot I hope sall shortlie. I pray zow advertise me if the Commissioun be cum bak frome the King to the great Commissionars concerning the teindis, or quhat is done thairanent. So with my commendatiouns remembrit, I rest,

Zour brother to serve zou,
KELBURNE.

Glesgou, the 7 of Mairche 1630.

To the right honorable my luiveing brother, the
Laird of Nether Pollok. These.

GEORGE THIRD EARL OF WINTOUN to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
26th March 1630.

214. Right worshipfull, my willingnes to have obeyit yow against this day, and the suddaintye of this recent occasioun intervenit, inforces me now so lait to wrge your excuseing my not keiping this present dyet against my will. Altho' I

eould have assurit yow, befoir this tyme, that nather I nor any freind els eould possiblie earye that matter so at this tyme as might have wroght your wished effeet. My loving and freindlye advyse being that ze rest eontentit with that quhilk is done alreddye, till ze find oeeasionn ather by your self or loving freinds quhairin my best help to my vttermost ereddit sall not be wanting to deill so with your eheiff as he may be weill pleisit all be done with his favour ze eould ather wishe or desyre for your best weill thairin. Quhairof I put no doubt, if ze be willing to applye your self in that goode eourse whieh I sall hairtillye wishe as from him who sall ever eontinew to approve himself to his powr,

Your most faithfull and loving freind,
WINTOUN.

Seatoun, this morning be 10 hours,
26 Marehe 1630.

To the right worshipfull my loving freind,
Sir Johne Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Knyght.

JOHN BOYLE of Kelburne to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
17th April 1630.

215. Rieht honorabill sir, I haive beine following zour buissines verie hardlie heir at Court, and with muehe adoe hes broeht zour eheif, the Earle of Nithisdaill, to this point, that he is eontent to give way for the passing of zour signatour of theas landis quiehe ze hold of him, with this speeiall elaus addit to the gift, thatt if ze happin to be at the horne for anie wther debt nor that, ze ean instruett to be his, and for him, and eonvertit to his wse and vtilitie, that than and in that eais the gift sall be null and na wayis to be eonsavit in zour favoris, and no wtherwayis ; and this was all eould be had of him with muehe diffieultie. As for zour oune signatour, I hope to gett that done to zour oune eontentment, for the grant of ane Knieht Barronet. As for the Marqueis of of Hammiltoun, or anie thing that ean eum that way, ze neid not, in my

opinioun, luik for it; for he does not follou suehe small buissiness as theas of zouris. Alwayis if a litill of zour oune geir ean purches freedome to zour selff, and be the les in wther folkis eommunes, I think ze ar not evill sped. As for me, I protest befoir the great God I eould not haive follouit it so hardlie, if it had beine my oune, and if I had not shorit to haive petitioned the King, zour cheif wald haive done no guid. Tak ane guid euradge to zou; for I hope to bring zou home contentment. I gat the favour as to kis the Kingis hand within short spaice efter my wpeuming. He hes resolved not to cum to Seotland, nor hald anie Parliament thair this zeir. Thorntoun hes prevailed against the offiearis of Estait and Exeheker, bot the King hes excepted out of his gift all the penall statutes agains the euntric, except thais that wer exeepted be Parliament; and so the euntrie neidis not feir his gift, for it is nou almost restricted to the Kingis ounc patrimonie. The plauge is lyk to rys heir at Londoun, and the King is to go to Greinwiche wpon Tysday nixt, and hes maid proclamatioun thatt no man, saive his domestikis and courtieris, follou him, wpone paine of death. My Lord of Pembrook, cheif Steuart of England, died the day efter I cam heir. The Justiee Clerk wes not eum heir at the writting of this lettir, quhairof I mervaill. And so leiving to truble zou,

I rest, zouris to serve zou,

KELBURNE.

Londoune, the 17 of Apryll 1630.

Sir, I had almost haive forgottin the Laird of Calderwoodis pairt, quiche ze will find not so trustie as it may be ze expeeted; for he greaves muehe thatt ze haive miskent him in the offer of zour estait. Lett thir lynes remember my deutie to zour Ladie.

To the right honorabill my luiveing brother, the Laird of Nethirpollok,—
These.

GEORGE STERLING of Keir to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
24th May 1630.

216. Rieht honorabill sir, it hes pleisit God in mereic to call the Lard of Keir, my grandfather, from this mortall lyff to be partaker of eternall felieitie, quhois corps, God willing, ar to be interrit at his buriall plaee in Dunblane on Fryday the ellewint day of Junii nixt. Thir thairfoir ar to intreat zow maist ernistlie to do me the favour, and him that last honour, as to be in the Keir the foirsaid day be ten houris, to accumpany his eorps to his buriall plaee, as ze sall euir obleis me to remane,

Zour assuirit freynd at power,
GEORGE STERLING.

Cadder, the xxiiij of May 1630.

To the rycht honorabill the Laird off Nether Poak,—These.

DAME ISOBELL BOYD, sometime wife of John Blair of that Ilk, to her son-in-law, SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 3d September 1630.

217. Honorabill and loveing sonne, I haue writtin to Bracko, and appointed with him Thursday, the fourtein day of Oetober, for the perfytting of his sonne's mariage, and that in zour house of Pollock. I perceave zea haue gottin some farder intelligence of his mynd sinee he wrytt to me: appearantlie he wald be requeistit to come himscalfe to it. Gif he come himsealfe, I fear his ladie most be dealt with to come; for sche is ane woman of hir awne humouris, and that for fear of hir evill to come (in respect our bairne of necessitie must be wnder hir hand,) I wald haue bein glaid that it had bein passed over in the queittest forme; and that for fear of fashrie to zow. Sonne, I will earnestlie intreat zow to haue patience, and also will requeist zow to caus mak sueh provisioune as zea think expedient, and that vpoun my expenss; for it war no rassoun that

zea sould be ane lossar. And seing zea ean not haue contentment without the laird his presens and myne, (gif God spair our health,) we sall see zow fyftein dayes befoir the day appointed : soonnar we eann vpon no conditioune winn, in respect our harvest is so laitt, and sindrie vther occasiounes. Sua reffering thus to zour owne wisdome to zour nixt advertisment, I remaine,

Zour luiffing mother,

Issobell Boyd.

Loehgir, 3 September 1630.

To the ryeht honorabill and my luiffing sonne, Sir Jhone Maxuall of Nether Polloek, Knyeht,—Theas.

Sir William Cuninghame of Caprintown to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 2d November 1630.

218. Honorabill and loveing eame, as to the first pairt of zour lettre, seing my ewsigne Johne Maxwell informes me that my Lady Marqueis is of zour mynd, and he himself thinks no les, I think also it is not his worst to foirbear. As to the seeund pairt, anent Alexander Dunlope bairnes geir, I ean not think thair is ather horneing or inhibitioun aganes zow ; for I being also eautioner, I did nevir resaive ather eharge or inhibitiown : so for any thing I know that informatioun is not goode. Gif I sall learne any vthir thing heireftir, I sall advertise zow, as in this or any vthir mater I ean plesour zow, ze sall find me

Zouris loveing ewsigne to power,

W. Caprintoun.

Caprintoun, this 2 November 1630.

To my honorabill and loveing ewsigne, Sir Johne Maxwell of Nethirpook, Knyeht,—Thes.

JAMES SECOND EARL OF ABERCORN to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 12th September 1631.

219. Right worshipfulle and loving frind, I have reseaved your letter of the 5 of August, and this is the first occation I culd find for ansuering of it. As for the contentes thercof I can not bot give you most hartie thankes for your advertisment and kynd offer conserning the Baronrie of the Mcarns, which I wold not be wnwilling to imbreas if I fond my csteat eable for it. Bot I have alradie such burdinges, and my teithes does sell so slolie, which I belive shall be yet ane longsum busines, that I dar not hasard to ingag my self anie further: for I will assur you that I had rather be fred of det then have any man's land in the wordle, and so I hop if ather you deall with it your self, or anie others, that you will have ane cair to si me relived of thes burdeins I am ingaged in for my Lord Nithisdall; for my Lord Balkluch hes assured me that ther is no ordour takin with him, as I was maid belive. As for the kair and pains you tak in my affairs nou in my absenc, I can say nothing, bot onlie assur you that you doc oblig one who shall never prove ingrat when oecation shall present whairin he may shau hou much he is

Your affectionat frind to serve you,

ABERCORNE.

Theobalds, the 12 of September 1631.

I will intreat you to remember my servic to your good Ladie.

To the right worshipfulle, my verie loving frind, Sir Johne Maxuall of Nether Pollok, Knight,—Thes.

JOHN MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 2d December 1631.

220. Right honorabill sir, for oeeurensses heir, sueh as that I think ze sall haive vse of imployment for your braive hors in parliament, for his Maiestie is now vndoubtitlie expectit in the spring, acording to his lettres and proclamatiounes

heir, quhairin ar diseharget all hunting or fowling; and the gestis are eum doun, quhilk signifies the tymes and placis of his aboad heir. Vehiltrie wes pannellet yisterday, and his dittay disputt, quhilk is grundet on the aet of parliament intitulit, "Leasingmakeris and Saweris of sedieioun betwix the King and his peopill sall tyne lyff and gudis." His dittay is, in a maner, a verie just nothing, and so weill and pertinentlie warrandet and disputt be him self, to the gud applaus of his auditouris. For all his depositiounes, he abydis be thame; and the fundatiounes of tham and his representatioun thairof to the King ar foundet on relatiounes of my Lord Re, and approvin be him, be Re his awin wret, and so had gud reasoun of quhat he did, which vtherwayes wold haiue procuret his death in coneealing. All the differens vrget aganis him is in sum eireumstanees and not in substans, and the eireumstanees he defends also be Re, his relatioun; and if Re sould differ in eireumstanee, yit his oppositioun, who is his authour and pairtie, eannot witnes aganis his affirmatioun; and that is all the probatioun thei ean vse, and so not forget or anywayes devyset be him. And quhairas he wes aeeuset of givin in the names of the Lords, I heir it wes givin in at the Thesaurere's desyir, and that thair names wes givin in as freindis to the Marqueis. Being inquyret of his freindship, if sueh a bussines wer trew, and quithir the relatioun wes trew or fals, that Lord had nothing to do thairwith. I heir be Vehiltrie, Seafort hes bein a speciall informer heirin of my Lord Re, which he shew he wold eoneeall his name; bot he wes foreet to vse it in his defens; and the wordis of the dittay he sould haiue said to the King, quhilk thej alledge wes to kill the Marqueis befoir tryell, ar "aithir do or die." And this he defendis thus, that he desyret his Maiestie to remove from Greinwieh, quhair he wes, to Quhythall, quhair, if sueh plott wes trewlie intentit, he myeht suirlier remaine quhill farder informatioun, and sa that his do wes a do defensive of his Maiestie, whieh eould prejudge naine; and that it wes not a do offensive, in hurt of any; and that that word do may be takin both wayes; and quhair it is no explanit, that he most be the interpreter of his awin mynd, and then to judge eheritablie the best. This is the substantiall poyntis, and ye sie how far different from the eommoun voyce. The eounsell sat heir, up in the auld eounsel-hous, to give thair advyise heirin. This day the rest is to be disputt, and re-pannellet againe: And quithir he gois to ane assyise or no, I eannot yit tell, bot it is

suspectit no; and albeit he go, it is thocht cannot be provin aganis him. I hard all the disputt, whieh wer tedious to wryt farder; and quhat sall be the eonclusioun you sall be adverteissit. In this and quhat ellis I haive, sir, I rest

Youris worsehippis awin servand,

JOHNE MAXWELL.

2 December 1631.

To the right honorabill my Chieff, the Laird of Pollok Maxwell, direct.

Exeuis the not closing thairof, becaus I wret it in the Tolbuith.

JAMES LEIGHTOUN, Arehbishop of Glasgow, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 30th December 1631.

221. Right honorable, being informed that the Maister of Abercorne is with yow, these are to desyre yow to request him to give his consent that Mr. Johne Law may be admitted to the ministrie of the Kirk of Neilstoune, to be ane helper to his father. The presbyterie and parochoneris will be well content. Which trusting ye will doe, I commend yow to God, and restis,

Your loving freind to serve yow,

JA. GLASGOW.

Glasgow, 30 Deeember 1631.

To the right honorable his speeiall good freind,
the Laird of Nether Polloek,—These.

SIR ALEXANDER HAMILTON, Knight, fifth Son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [30 November] 1632.

222. Right worshipfull Sir, I hewe newer had the happines to hewe the okasioune of ane soure bearer befor this, that I might hewe shon wnto your worship our sawe arywell heare, wieh I kno would hewe beane most acceptabille wnto you. My Lord is weall. He is maried, and hes on of the fynest boyes in Ingland:

he hes mead it knone publiklie. He hes sen you hom sum treas of the fynest kyndes in Ingland, both apil treas, peares, peaehes, abrikoks, neeturines, chiries of diweres kyndes, plums of sewerall kyndes. I think this leter will kum to your handes befor the treas. They are all shipit a yeak sinee. I thoeht good to let your worship kno of our letest neus that we hewe heare at kourt, altho' thay ar not so good as we kould wis; yit seaing that your worship will heare them be the komoune report of the kunterie, I thoeht it beter to sho you all the sirkumstansses, wherby ye may als weall informe wther as thay kan sho your worship. First, ther is on kum from Germanie to kourt this day, whos neam is Dalbeare, who reportes that ther hes beane ane neu batelle hard by Lupsik, in wieh batell the King of Suedine hes gotin the wiktorie, with the sertan lose of his oune persone. This Dalbeare did sea him dead; so it is sertan: and hes shon our kinges magistie this day. The way of his killing wes this: The King of Suedin beine leading on his oune ermie him self, werie brawlie and koragiouslie, he did first fecht with Papinhom, whom he hes killed; and presentlie efter Papinhom wes killed, ther did kum ane musket bulet from the enemis syd, wieh bullet did brek the King of Suedines arme in peasseas, and he did also resewe an strok with ane suoord. So the King of Suedine finding him selfe this peatifulie uoounded, the King of Suedin did say to the Deuk of Sase, who wes nearest too him, 'Cousine, I am sorlie uonded; I pray the kaus karie me aff the flead.' So the Deuk of Sase beang regraitine the King of Seudines woundes, ther kums ane gentilman from the enemis syd, who wes ane horsman, and when he did spy the King of Suend, he did kum neare to the king, and did kry with a loud woys in Dueh, 'Ha! ha! I hewe fund the bird wieh I hewe long loukt for.' So with thes wordes he did shut the King of Suedine with ane pistoll. The King of Suedine did presentlie fall doune dead, and did newer speak anie mor. The Deuk of Sase seaing the king fall, hee did ryd efter the man that kilt the king, and did kill him: so he rewenged the king's death wpon that man. The battell did continou tu dayes and wen night. Ther wes of men in both the ermies 3005; and wes kild of both armies 5000.* The King of Suednes bodie did ly, efter he wes killed, wen day and wen nieht befor it wes fund; and when it wes fund, it wes fund strip naiket amongst mani other. So this it for sertan that the King of Suedine is kilt, and

* The numbers are here given as in the original, where they are obviously stated erroneously.

Papinhom lykwayes. Walsten is sawe, and is gon with all his men to get neu suplie. What will be the event, God knoes! Seeundlie, Dalbear leaweing the armie, he did eum hear be a toune wher he did find the King of Boyheamia werie seak, and did stay ther till he deaed. He did dea of the plaig. Ther is great regrait maid for his death, and all the kourt doeth murne. This Dalbear hes assured the King that he did sea both the kinges dead—both the King of Bohemia and the King of Suendine. The neam of the toune wher the King [of] Boheamia did dea wes Meadiburig or els Menee: I doe not remember par tieularlie of the name of the toune. It is for sertan that the King's Magistie will kum to Skotland this yeare. He is to be in Beruik again Witsounday: ther he keapes Witsondayes feast 4 dayes. He eumes to Edinbrueh the 14 of Junj. This is all the forran neus I kan sho you. So humbillie taikes my liwe. I sall ewer remain,

Your most obedieut servand and peopill,

A. Hamilton.

Drurie Lain, the St. Androes day 1632.

Sir, I hop ye will sho my sister Lueie and Marion that I am weall, and wold hewe wrytin to them, bot I had no tym; for I did wryt this in tym that the Paket wes a klossing: and sho them I will wryt at mor lenth of all partieulares. I hop your worship will remember my humble serwiee to your Ladie. I hewe sean your eousin, Captan Jhone Maxwell; he is werie weall heare.

To the right worshipful and my mueh respeetit Sir Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knieht,—These.

Robert first Earl of Nithisdaill to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok,] 22d April 1633.

223. Worthy eousing, the King haueing appointed to be in Edinburgh vpon the fyftein day of Junie, where he is to reeeaue his erowne, and thereafter hold a Parliament: at whieh tyme itt will be requisit that men be aeeompanied be thair best freinds, whereby his Majestie may see his subjeets in this kingdome

ar noe lesse powerfull to doe him service, then they ar in the rest of his dominions: I am for this reason earnestly to desire, as yow respect me, yow will not faill to be in Edinburgh the fourtein day of the said moneth, and thair to accompanie me dureing the tyme of his Majestie's abode, whilk I heare will not be obove ane twentie dayes, or ane moneth at most. By this yow sall very much oblige,

Your loving cousing,

NITHISDAILL.

Carlaverok, the 22 of Aprile 1633.

DAME ISOBELL BOYD, sometime Wife of John Blair of that Ilk, to [her Son-in-Law, SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,] 30th April 1633.

224. Rycht honorabill and loveing sonne, I long to heir how zea ar in zour health. I wald knaw also gif zea go to Edinburgh at his Maiesttie's incomeing, or gif zea haue any certaintie gif my Lord of Abercorne and his Ladie cometh to Scotland at this tyme. Sonne, I haue beine so homlie with zow, that I haue sentt my haikney to gett his meatt affe zow for ane schortt space, for the ressounes as the bearar will schaw zow. I haue not sentt ane boy with him, bot will desyr zow to trust the cair of him to zour man Bryce. Sua, haveing no farder occasioune, my comendatiounes rememberitt to zour scalfe and zour bedfellow, wishing zow both all health and happines, I remaine,

Zour loveing mother,

ISSOBELL BOYD.

Lochgirsheid, last of Apryll 1633.

MR. JOHN DUNLOP, Glasgow, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 24th May 1633.

225. Rycht honorabill, pleis zour honour, thair is ane man of zouris, William Maxwell, quais wyffe was pitifullie painit in harvist last with ane consumptione and eiting vlser in hir hand. Scho, being of my name and my ant, addresit

hir self to me. I did send for this gentilman and his wyffe. He hes that honour to be zour worship's puir cwsing. Bot quhen they saw hir hand, thay durst not wndertak the cuir, becaus hir haill arme evin to the schoulder was fylit with putrifiet wennum. I wrgit thainn to tak it in hand, for thay have skill, and I promeisit to get thaim the asistance of the best skilit in the toun; for the quilk William Maxwell and the patient, his wyffe, promeisit and gave thair handis to give satisfactione at the will and desyre of this gentilman and his wyffe; for it was thocht that scho behuifit to loos the hand. Zit, sir, thay gat the assistance and directione of all the doctouris and chyrurgianis in this toun, both by giving potionis and plasteris, that it was werie chairgabill to thaim. Thay sweare that, by and attour thair painis, it stood thainn above fourtie markis, and it pleisit God thay cuirit hir within xx dayis. Now, sir, thay refuis to satisfie, and wald give littill or nathing. Thairfor, sir, out of the confidence of zowr favour, I man be bold to requeist zowr honour to heir the gentilman, quha hes, mair for my earnist desyre nor for the expectatione of grit proffeit, cuirit the woman; for thay wald have persewit it vtherwayis, bot becaus I had ane hand in it. I have taine the boldnes to requeist zour honour heirin, assuiring zow I sall ever be,

Zour honouris affectionat cwsing and humbill servand,

Mr. J. Dunlop.

Glasgow, 24 Maij 1633.

To the richt honorabill the Laird of Nathir Pollok,—Ar thes.

Alexander second Earl of Linlithgow, and the Lords Carnegy and Traquaire, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 29th May 1633.

226. Sir, the Duik of Lennox is to be in Scotland with his Maiestie, and expectis to be met and attendit be his freindis heir, as his laite vncle, Lodovick, vseit to be at suche tymes as thir; and becaus he is not acquainted with his freindis as zit, bot cometh doun to attend his Maiestie, and mak himselff knawen to thame, he heath willed ws to write to his freindis in his name, that they wald be pleased to be present at Edinburgh in suche gud ordour, and with suche

number as they sall think meit, againest Thursday the threttein of the nixt moneth, at nicht, that they may meit him befoir he come to Edinburgh, and attend his grace thair for sumtyme. These ar thairfore in his gracc's name to intreat yow, as ane of his grace's speciall freindis, to be heir at Edinburgh againe the day abouewrittin, whair yow sall find ws with vther of his gracc's freindis. In doing whairof yow sall pleasour his grace, and oblige ws to remaine,

Your faithfull freindis,

LINLITHGOW.
CARNEGY.
TRAQUAIRE.

Edinburgh, 29 Maij 1633.

To the rycht worschipfull thair veric goode freind,
the Laird of Neather Pollok,—These.

PATRICK FLEMYNG of Barochane, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
31st May 1633.

227. Most honnorable, I dowbt not bot zowr worship hes hard that I, far by my expectation, am chossen commissioner to this insewing Parliament. In respect quhereof I will most earnestlie intreat zowr worship for a lain of zowr foot mantle, and, God willing, I sall restoir it to zowr worship in als good caise as I get it. Swo not dowbting bot zowr worship will respect my reqwest, and the credit of our shire, commits zow and all zowrs to the protcction of the Almightie, in qwhom I rest,

Zowr most lowing freind to the vtmost of my power,
PATRIK FLEMYNG of Barochane.

At Barochane, the last of Maij 1633.

To the most honnorabill and spcciall respected
Sir Jhon Maxwell of Pollok, Knycht,—Thes.

JOHN BOYLE of Kelburne to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 9th June 1633.

228. Rieht honorabill Sir, I haive ressaved zour lettir desyring me to go at this tyme to my Lord of Stirling to end zour buissines eoneerning zour Knicht Baronetsehip. For answer, Sir, I procured zou ane patent to that effect, quiehe I hope sould haive served zour tourne, had it not beene for the euriositie of sume that advysit zou to the eontrairie, quiehe is in James Kininmont his handis, and quiehe ze may recover quhen it pleases zou. It will serve zour turne, Sir, coneerning zour provisioun of zour hous: I sall be ansuerable thairfoir, wnder the haiserd of my estait. As for the prioritie, I ever told zou thatt the same was to be ordered by the Kingis Maiestie at the Parliament: and as for my attendans, I protest befoir God, it is impossible for me, for I haive resolved at this tyme to lurk: nether have I maid anie preparatioun to go east, and I protest befoir God thatt thatt buissines of zouris eost me abov ane thousand pund Seottis out of my oune purs, besyd zour allouans; besydis I ame so buissied with my harbrie that I ean not leive the same, or wtherwayis it will be in haiserd of tinsell. So entreating zou to pardone me in this mater, I rest,

Youris to serve you,

KELBURNE.

Kelburne, the 9 of June 1633.

To the rieht honorabill my luiving brother, the Laird of Nether Pollok,—
Theas.

DUNCAN BURNET, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 13th June 1633.

229. Verie honorabill, my most bundene duetie rememberit. It mey pleas your worship, that on Woddinsday, the twelf of this instant, my Lord past downe to ane Baeksyd betuix the north eraiges and the Cannagait, and seyed on your worship's horse both the fute mantells, who reeeavit them most gentlie and

peaceablie, to my Lords great content, in presence of Sir Frederiek. The day befor my Lord caused try both him and his Lordship's owne horse with sum schotts. His owne sturd mueh with the schotts; but your worship's moved nothing. As for newes, ther ar verie few. Caprintoune wes wrettine for be the Duik of Lenox, and raid to Berriek on Mononday, and Robertland with him. My Lord Abereorne raid out to Setoune this Thuirsday, wher his Maiestie is to be this nieht. The morne he beis in Dalkeyth, and on Setterday in Edinburgh. Ther ar many people in the towne alreddie, and hourly ma eoming, both Seotts and Inglis; so that the ludgings ar verie thrang. Ther wes on soeht for the Lady, bot eould have no ehalmer without tua hundreth merks the monthe. And for my Lord's ludging, ther wes not so mueh woyd rowme as to have eontaind on persone: for I sehew Lady Margaret and Lady Lucie your worship's designe as Quanteine informed me, who war most willing to have had her with them. Ther is no motioune for the present of Manteith, bot he is rema[n]ing in his owne house of ane brokene arme be the wheele of ane eotehe. It is surmis'd be sum that he wes eommandit aff towne, but eannot for this aeeident. Efter his Maiestie is eome, as matters oeeurrs, and oeeatioune of bearares offers, I shall wrett to your worship. My Lord and all the brethering and sisteres, with my Lady Straband, hes them most kyndly rememberit to your self and your Lady. Swa to new oeeatioune, my most humble bundene dewtie and serviee to yow both remembert, I remaine,

Your worship's most humble servand till deathe,

DUNCAN BURNET.

Edinburgh, the 13 June 1633.

To my verie honorabill and muehe respeeted gud freind,
Sir Jhone Maxwell off Nether Polloek, Knight.

WILLIAM COCHRANE of Coldoune, afterwards ereated EARL OF DUNDONALD, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 14th June 1633.

230. Rycht honorabill Sir, I made your excuse and your ladie's to my Ladie Maxwell and hir good-dauehter, bot they would glaidlie have your ladie heir. As

for my Lord Nithisdaill, he is not as zitt come, neither to Edinburgh nor Leithe. They exspect him dayly from the southe. Nor is he not with the Kinge. The Kinge wes zisternicht in Seatoune. Ther hes not bein in traine with him all this tyme, bothe Inglische and Scotts, fifteen hundrethe horse, wherofe ane gritt pairt are Scotts, and mett him in Berwicke. As for my Lorde Duk's freinds, they are not mynded to make anie schow, because ther wholl companie will not make out suche ane number as other nobillmen, especiallie Mortoun and Anguse, hes conveined. So I thinke it shall not be needfull to yow at this tyme to come eist, and yee will thinke your selfe weill stayed at home; for yee have not one suitt ye could have putt on yow heir—everie man that is of anie qwalitie goes so ritchlie. My Lord of Airthe is discharged the toune, and goethe this day to Airthe. They say lykwyse that my Lord Stirlinge hes no gritt credite; so that I fear ther be littill done concerninge the purpose yee know at this time. Ther is no other occurrents as zitt that I can wryte to yow, bot as the Kinge coms at that tyme, how all goethe I shall acqwaint yow. So I rest,

Zours to serve yow,

W. Cochrane.

Edinburgh, 14 Junii 1633.

To the rycht honorabill the Lairde off Netherpolloke,—These.

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 14th June 1633.

231. Rycht honorable, haveing occasion be accident of this beirer, love and deutie wold not permit me to neglect the same; and thairfoir shortlie of quhat is current zour honour shall heir. Their is some hett contest betuixt the Constable, Mershall and the toun of Edinburgh, for keiping of the kingis body. The toun wil be neirest the King's body within the toun, and the Errell of Arroll, Constable, will not suffer. Sua quhat shalbe the determinatioun or event, I shall heirefter adverteise your honour. Wee heir certainlie that the Pollis ambassa-

dour, with tua of the Germane Duikis, ar come to Leithe to congratulat the Kingis coronatioun.

The Commission anent the lawes is not muche reguairdit, and is licklie to be desertid: quhat vther artielcs ar to be agitat, I shall signifie at more lenthe heirefter. The Erle of Airthe hes voluntarlic left the town, and refeirit himselffe to Airthe, or, as some sayes, to Monteithe.

Their hes vnhapilie fallin furthe a slauchter betuix the guidman of Killoche and ane vther eallit Mathew Campbell, and Mathew Campbell is killit. Killoehe is in the Tolbuithe, and the mater is licklie to setle be agriement.

All vther particularis I remitt to the nixt occasion, because I mynd to wryt more fully heirefter. Sua, my deuty being rememberit, I humblie rest

Zour honouris awin to power,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, in hest, 14 Juni 1633.

I heir somquhat surmeist to his Majestie agancst Secretar Alexander be the Lord Carnegie and some vuther, quherof at more lenthe at ane vther occasion.

To the rycht honorable and my weel respeetit Cheiffe,
Sir Johne Maxuell of Netherpollok, Knycht.

William Cochrane of Coldoune, afterwards created Earl of Dundonald, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 17th June 1633.

232. Right honorabill, wpon Saturnday last the Kinge came to Edinburgh out of Dakeithe in the Lange Gaitt, wher, at his entrie in the Lange Gaitt, ther schott about fyftie cannon. In the mides of the Lange Gaitt he left his coche and took horses, and so came to the West Port, wher ther wes sett three goddesses, Edina, Justice, and Relligioune. Ther Edina, who wes the President's son, made ane speeehe and delyvered the keys. A littill within the Port wes made ane longe scaffold, wher satt the provest, ballis, and old baillies, to the number of twentie, in purpure gouns lyned with furringe, and about ane hundrethe

more in blake gouns. About them wes ane futt guarde, about two hundrethe, in whyt sattein doublets and blacke breiks. They mett the King at the Port, wher the Provest made ane schort specche, delyvered the Kinge ane basin and manie peeces in it, and wes knichted ther. Thereftir the Kinge came to the Straitt Bow, wher he gott ane other speeche be ane boy. Thereftir he came to the heid of the Luck-in-booths, where wes ane picture of the wholl Kings of Scotlande, and ane speeche made be Mercurie, schawinge the King that Fergusse the First would come to salute him. So another came representinge Fergouse the First, and made ane speeche to the King. Thereftir he came to the croce wher wes Venus, Ceres, and Bacchus : there Venus made ane schort speeche : there they ranne wyne and caist scrotoheits in aboundance : thereftir they came to the twne, wher ther is ane mount sett wp called Parnassus, where satt the nyne Muses and Apollo, wher the nyne Muses sange ane entheme, and Apollo made ane speeche. Ther wes within organs playinge, and some rare instruments. Apollo gave the Kinge ane book conteininge the wholl speeches. Thereftir he came to the Nether Bow, wher wes sett the seven planets, and everie one of them had ane schort speeche. Thereftir the Kinge went to the Abbey, and passed throuche the wholl chambers thereofe befor supper. Zisterday, Soonday, beinge ane holy day in Inglande, the Bischope of Dumblane preeched in ane surplace, and eftir sermon the King kneelled to the altar, and made ane offringe of ane gritt peece of gold which the Thesaurer of Inglande redeimed. Eftirnoon the Kinge receeved the Polonian embassadour in pompe. This day, beinge Moonday, the Kinge, eftir two of clocke, hes made the Erle of Angouse Marqweisse, and the chancellour Erle. Ther is no more creatt zitt, bot ther will be twelue or fourteen made Erles and Vicounts. Thereftir he went be coche to the Castle, from whence he is to come the morrow to be crouned, doune the way on horesbacke, and the haill nobilitie ranked with him to the Abbey churche. One Wednesdey he goethe out to Dalkeithe to the huntinge ; and one Thursday the parliament ryds. Airthe is dischairged court, and other news we will heir non till the parliament, when I sall acquaint you, and to that tyme rests,

Zours to serve yow,

W. Cochrane.

Edinburgh, 17 Junij 1633.

Ther is suehe anc wproare heir that ther is nothinge zitt done in your effairs; bot I sall no forgett them when I can have occasioune.

To the ryeht honorabill the Lairde of Nether Pollok,—These.

Robert Lindesay to his Master, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 18th June 1633.

233. Rycht honorabill and loving maister, my homble service and dewtie being remembrit. These ar to acqwent yow, that the Ladie cam zisterday, abowt thre eftir noone, to the towne, and in the meine tym she was cwmitt, the King was going wp to the castell, by quhilk meanis she gat anc sight of his Maiestie; for he was in that syd of the cotche that was neirest to hir; and in the meane tyme, she hard two and fiftie peace of cannowne shoot. Hir lwdgeing is into my old goodmotheris. What is past formerlie, I wnderstand by yowr ladie, that Mr. William Maxwell hes acqwentit zow. Zisterday two princes of Hollen is cwm to the towne; and, heir zisterday, ane Pollonian Ambassadowre cam. This day his Maiestie lowpis on at the castell gate (qwhaire he lay all night), and with ane grit sho and solemnitie rydis downe the wholl way to the Abey, whair he is to heare ane preaching, and thaireftir receivis the crowne. The morne, the towne of Edinburgh moosteris and makis swndrie bonie pastymis. On Thwrsday, the parliament rydis. On Swnday nixt, the towne of Edinburgh banqwetis the King, and thair beis bot on preaehing that day, quhilk shall be befornoone. I was into Leathe zisterday with the Ladie Calderwode and hir sisteris, at my Ladie Nithisdalle, whair I hard my Lord telling, that ane Spanishe pirat had takin ane shipp wpon the cost of Ireland, whairinto the Depwtie of Irelandis fwrnishing, bothe silverveshell and all, was. Thair was also ane Dwnkirker perscwit ane Hollender loadinit with firr deallis; and when they war neire the shore, the Dwnkirker boordit hir, and tewk two of hir men prissoneris. The Hollender, seing he might no better, takis two barrell of powdir and pwtis betwixt the ovir lastis, and when thair was ane grit manie of the Dwnkirkeris aboorde, he blew them all into the seie. Thaireftir, the rest

of the Dwnkirkeris persewit mor egirlie, and the Hollenderis ran themsels on dry grwnd. Notwithstanding the Hollenderis being all win owt on land, the Dwnkirker boordis hir againe, and teiwk all that mad for them; thaireftir set hir on fyre, and brwnt hir, deallis and all. I hard the Laird of Calderwod telling that my Ladie Nithisdalle will be wast at Malslie, and is pwrposit to see yow and yowr ladie also. I wat not give yowr ladie's hitherewming shall stay it. These ar all the newis I heire for the present. Althowght they be fekles, yit I hop they will exereeise yowr mynd, and keip yow ane litle spaee from langwishing, whill it please God farther oeewre, quhairwithe I shall stryve to aeqwent yowr worship. Swa wishing yowr worship all happines, and yowr bwssiness good swcces, I rest,

Zowr worship's servand at power,

Robert Lindesay.

Edinburgh, the 18 of Jwne 1633.

My man was telling me that he hard in my Lord of Abercorne's lodging that Alexander Coehran was agreit to go over ane volwntar with him. I ean not assoore yowr worship of it.

To the rycht honorabill and my loving maister,
the Laird of Netherpollok, Knyeht.

The forme of His Maiestie's ineumeing and ryding at the Coronatioun. Dated 19 Junij 1633. [Original holograph of Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate.]

234. Wpone Saturday last, the fyftene of this instant, Proelamatioun past ordaineing the nobillis and towne of Edinburgh to goe out and meit his Maiestie in thair rankis, as his Maiestie was euming from Dalkeith in the efternoone.

Wpone the sandis of Leith, efter the nobilitie had saluted the Kingis Maiestie, the cannounes schot; and soe the nobilitie walkit in thair rankis in the Lang gait towardis the west Port, quair thair being a Globe maid vpone the southsyd of the Port without, twa silver keyes being prepairit with a beseine,

and ane thowsand double angellis thairin, the President of Sessioune's sone maid a litle speich, and actit his pairt exceiding weill, and delyverit the keyis to his Maiestie with the salver of silver and gold thairin.

Efter his Maiestie entrid within the Port, thair wes vpone the south syd of the gait saitis maid for the Provest and Baillies and vtheris of the towne counsall of Edinburgh, and thair thay arrois in thair rid robbis, furrit about the rob of scarlet, and maid neir lyk the forme of Bischopis gownes. Thair Mr. Alexander Guttheric maid a speiche to his Maiestie, and soe the towne with the nobilitie marchit vp to the strait Bow in their rankis, with the towne guaird about his Maiestie, all clade in whyt satine dublet, with partisanes in thair handis.

At the strait Bow thair wes thair one to mak a speich of Scotlandis rejoiseing at his Maiestie cuming, and thair wes painted Nimpha Callidonie; and this wes verie bonie and weill actit.

Thairefter thay marchit vp the Bow in their rankis, as said is, which rankis wes as followes:—

The towne officeris cam vp the Bow first vpone foot; nixt to thame such of the towne counsall as wes clad in robbis, vpone foot alsoe; nixt to thame the trumpeitouris, being 14 in number, with thair maist royall flagis at thair trumpettis, and weill apparellit, everie one vpone hors; nixt to thame the Provest of Edinburgh, with the grand mes, in his rid robe, rydeing vpone hors, rydeing his alone; nixt to him the Lordis, twa and twa; nixt to thame the Erles eldest sones; nixt to thame the Vicountis; nixt to thame the Erles; nixt to thame the Erle of Arrall, beirer of the sword, imediatlie befoir his Maiestie wpone the ryt hand, and the Duik of Lennox vpone the left. His Maiestie raid alone, his apparell being all claith of gold, and his hors deckit with fetheris, and in the maine fullie with ribbens.

Efter his Maiestie raid the Marqueis of Hammiltoune vpone the richt hand, and the Erle of Holand vpone the left, apparellit with claith of siller all discoverit; efter thame the Kingis guard, consisting of threttie or four and threttie brave tald men with the Kingis liverae vpone thair bakis, which wes of scarlet, with syd taillis, haveing six barris of blak welvet round about thame, and above the taillis wrocht round about with massie siller overgilt with gold, with partisanes in thair handis, all lykwayes vpone hors; (and quhilk I haile forgot,)

the Lyoun and his herellis discoverit raid imediatlie nixt to the Vicountis befoir the Erles, with thair cottis of honor.

At the heid of Fosteris wynd thair wes a table of the haill Kingis yeric weill done. At the end of the Lukenbuithes, quhair his Maiestie haveing stayed a whyle, first a spirit as it wer spak a litle, and promised to raise King Fergus to his Maiestie; wher efter he had reteirit himself, than cam furth King Fergus in a mantill of rid taffetie, with twa litle boyes beiring vp his mantill, and thay wer clad in yallow taffetie. King Fergus had the crowne vpone his heid, and the scepter in his hand, and efter he had maid a litle speich, exhorting the King to richteousnes, schewing, that if he walkit in the feir of the Godis and in valour, his throne wold be establischeit to als manie generatiounes efter him as wes befoir him, and than he reteirit himself.

Thairefter his Maiestie went one towardis the croce, both a meikle blak fellow rydeing vpone a meikle punseon presenting Bacchus, and ane vther with breid presenting Ceres; one maid a litle speich thair alsoe; in the meine tyme the croce ran out with wyne by the conduites thairof, this blak fellow drank, brak gles and wes wid full thairefter.

His Maiestie cam downe to Parnases, quhair he gat musick and a litle buik conteneing the song of his Maiestie welcome to Scotland. This Parnasses wes biggit in this maner, twa litle hillis of boird cullorit greine, and betuix the twa a piramis ryseing in hicht to the tope of all the houssis, the maist part overgilt, with a gless of water vpone the topp, and in the hill litle hollis maid quhairin wes put birkis and holline, as they wer growing out of the hill.

Efter this his Maiestie goes forwert to the Nether Bow, quhair it wes maist pleasant of all. The sevine planites, everie one according to thair places, maid a litle speich; efter that his Maiestie went downe to the Abbay, and vpone Munday his Maiestie went vp in coatch to the Castell.

Ther is cum the Polonian ambassadour and the Duik of Schimey; and the Pollis ambassadour seikis thrie thinges: first, that his Maiestie wold not assist Suaiden against him in the reconquischeing of his awine land from Suaiden. As for the vther twa, he hes not zit proponeit thame.

As for the forme of his Maiestie's coronatioun, I read it in presence of your honour of befoir. The forme of their ryding wes in rankis alyke as is sayed, bot their apperrell wes braive and staitlie.

My Lord Nithisdaill wes als staitlie as any of them all, and had a braive silver gray horse, with a staitlie fitmantill all coverit with silver. The Erle of Eglintoun baire the spurres, the Marqueise of Douglas the crown, and the Erle of Erroll the sword, and the Duike vpon their left handis immediatlie befoir the King. Their mantillis wer all of purpil velweit with riche furring.

The Erle of Airthe his matter wilbe determin'd be Parliament; he is dischairget v^c^ myllis aff the Kingis presence. This day is the muster day, and that far more gallant then hes bein heirtofoir.

The Puiretanes ar geving in supplicationes to haive all the ceremoneis ramowft, bot they ar not so wyse as neid wer; they hold their privat meitingis, quhilk is not seimlie.

The Bishoprik of the Iles is not disposit vpon, bot it is thocht Mr. James Hanna, minister of the Cannygat, wil be preferrit be the bishop of Londoune's moyen.

Their is some sturr at London, quhat it is few knowes as yeit.

Mr. Nicoll his matter, as some surmeises, is to be agitat at Parliament also.

The Errell of Erroll and the toun ar agriet, for the King commandit the toun to guaird him hae viee.

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], 21st June 1633.

235. Honorabill Cheiff, I did in my former remember the forme of His Maiestie's entrie and coronatioun, and now as to the ryding at Parliament, I doubt not bot zour honour hes seine the forme thairof befoir. Thair wes sume contest betuix the burrowes of Glasgow, Stirling, Lithgow and Saintandrois, quhilk, be his Maiestie's determinatioun, was desydit by the dyce as followes: Lithgow schot fyve, Stirling six, Saintandrois elevine, and Glasgow twelf, with two dyce, and swa the contest endit be Glasgowes prefarence. Ther is ane overtour geivin in for chainging of the ordinar termes of Witsonday and Mertimes to Midsimer and Candilmes; bot this is oppoisit. The Lordis of the Artickles ar nominat, bot nane of our wesland comissioneris ar thairvpone. The Earle of Arrall the priveledge of his office of constabulie myndis to haive his gift confirmit in

parliament of fyve schilling out of everie hous that reikis in Scotland, or ellis anc kene foull, which is thocht anc great matter, and therfoir will be oppoisit. The other cheif point of the Poilles ambassador is for a treatie of peax betwix Swain and the Emperor. Bot it is reportit that the confederat princes hes renewit thair wow. The Erle of Galloway, the Archedcane of St. Androis, ar scitit to Munday nixt to depone quhat they know in Airthes matter, and Airth himself alsoe sutit to object quhat he can against the witnesses. Thes ar all for the maist ar current. Farder at the nixt occasione, quhilk sall be schortlie. Swa my love rememberit, I heartilie rest,

Your honoris awin to serve yow,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 21 Junij 1633.

John Maxwell, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 24th June 1633.

236. Right honorabill sir, I delyverit your lettre to my Lord Nithisdaill, who wes sorie of the reasouns of your excuis showin be me to him at lenthe ; and yit I shew his Lordship if quhairin he had vtherwayes to vse your counsell, as his speciall freind, since he war not for attendance, eftir advertcisment, yow wold cum, if health permittit. He shew me, at this tyme, he had none vthir, and so tuik your excuis in gud pairt, and wes sorie of the caus. As for occurrantis heir, I think Duchall will at lenth show you. Yit, to be short, sum speciall ar, that his Maiestie wes graciouslie rescavit and weill pleasit, and be his haill court, and as yit continewis ; which he declarit wes far by his expectatioun, and so lovis both the cuntrie and peopill, and intendeth evrie thrid or fourt yeir to be heir. This I hard him publiklie, being all the tyme in the church at his coronatioun, attending me Lord Nithisdaill, being desyrit be him. In Parliament thair is offerret, not being sought be the King, yit offerret be the Chanceller and estaitis, a taxatioun of vi^{cm} libs for sex yeiris, ratificatioun of the Kingis revocatioun, submissioun and commissioun, ratificatioun of the

effaires of the ehurch with the artieles of Pearth, and with additioun, that his Maiestie, out of his prerogative, may injune habeitis for the ehurchmen as pleaseth him : so presentlie our bischopis teaehis in surplethis. The phisieians craivit to haue a eollege ereetit, and that non wer approvin without thair approbatioun, and no stranger to give phisik without thair aprobatioun. Eftir long disputt, refusit to be ane artiele. The Lordis of the Artieles sitteth daylie, and the King is evrie day with thame, both walkis in coaeh and on foott fra the paliee to the Parliament hous. The ehurchmen geteth the Kingis ear mueh, and, be the meanis of the Bischop of Londoun, it is expeetit, evrie minister sall haiue at leist aucht ehalderis vietuall, all hospitall landis to be imbrought to the trew vse. Earll of Airth, this day, be acountte, his witnesses deponith, himself confynit in Earth, be a warrand fra Bervik. None Earlles maid as yit, except the Chanceller and Marqueis Dowglas, for whieh he resingit his auld liberties, as first voit in Parliament, kariage of the croun and vanegaird in battell : and sa, as Earll, he had als great plaee as Marqueis, and resingit his hereditarie offices. So, at the coronatioun the Justice heving resingit, quha buir the sword ; the King givs to quhom he pleasis. Buchan gat the sword, Rothes the seeptre, at this tyme, Dowglas the eroun, and Eglintoun the spurris. Wigtoun wold had plaee. I hard the King refuis, alledging his plaee wes bot as Grand Vscher, and sa sould ryd with the Lyoun, and gawe him his ehoyse quithir to ryd thair, or ryd as ane Earll in his owin place, quhill it wer decydet, and sa raid as a Earll. Quhat is omittit, Duchall will show yow. And now, sinee the Parliament sitteth daylie, I sall wryt. We luik that Witsunday and Martimes be alterit in Lambes and Christmes, and that the pairtie borrower sall pay ten, and the lender two to the King ; and sa himself but aught. Quhat beis eoncludet, in thir and all vtheris yow sall be adverteissit. The Commissioneris of Burrowis raid be cast of the dyee, quhill be deeydet. Nithisdaill intendis to go to Irland eftir the Kingis away-going. Remissioun I hard offerret be the Chaneellar to all the leigis, for criminals, exeept treasoun, provyding they seik it within yeir and day, and that the pairtie intrest be satisfiet. Sa the King remittis his pairt. Your horse is in gud styll, and Abereorne pleasis him weill and rydis onlie on him. Thair wes absent at Parliament twentie Lordis, xii Earles and Huntlie. The Parliament will be endet this

weik, and on Monday, the King goes to Lithgow. So, to the next adverteisment, I rest,

Your worship's awin servand,
JOHNN MAXWELL.

Edinburgh, 24 Junii 1633.

To the right honorabill my Cheiff, Sir Johnn Maxwell
of Nethir Pollok, Knight.

MR. JOHN MAXWELL, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 28th June 1633.

237. Right honorabill sir, for occurrantis, the Parliament rais this eftirnoone, and I, being all the tyme in the Parliament hous, hard and saw the particularis following voittit and concludit:—First, for the clairgie:

1. It is inactit that his Maiestie, out of his prerogative, injune habitis for thame. This act wes greatlie opposit be Rothos, Cassils, and vtheris; for Rothos stuid up, and acknoledgit the first member thairof of the Kingis prerogative, bot disentit fra the injunctioun of habeits. The King ansueret it wes no voitt, and aither say I or no. The voittis wer equalie almost devydet; ansuering they disagriet fra that act as it wes conceavit. Bot sindrie nobilmen heving proxies for vthers that wer absent, kariet thair voittis lykwyis with thame, and so establisht.

2. Secundlie. It is inactit and ratifiet, the haill priviledgis of the church of befoir, grantit be quhatsumevir statuitis or actis of parliament. These quho disagriet fra the former act, lykwyis fra this, alledging it includet the priviledgis at Pearth, and so wes generall. The King sayd nothing done or craivit thairin bot quhat wes formarlie be parliament, and now to be ratifiet, and that he mycht vse any former actis withowt ratificatioun: being lykwyis ovirvoittit, wes establishit. The King all this tyme had the whoill rollis in his hand of all that had voyce, and wrett ay, quhill the parliament rais, all the voittis pro et contra, and to quhat actis, and knew the whoill alsweill as the clark.

3. It is inactit, that the leist minister sall haiue aught chalderis victuall at

leist, quhair it is; and quhair not, that the comissioneris setlit in the best forme. No voyee in contrair heirof.

4. That scowlis be plantit, and parochinneris be stentit, and that all landis of hospitalitie, and vthirwayes gevin or morgadgit to pious vses, be redactit to the first vse.

For the King.

5. His revocatioun is maid and ratifiet, quhilk is partieularlie at lenth sett doun of all things done be him self or his predecessouris in prejudice of the croun and the lawis of the kingdome; quhairin is anullit, all heretabill offices, all erectiounes in temporalities, all regalities, exeept the regalities of churchmen, as Glasgo; and nothing revoikit of quhat they haiue for priviledge or benefeit in no kynd. And so no vthir regalitie bot it is revoikit, exeept the regalitie of Bruchtoun, quhairin is the Cannongait, partieularlie exceptit in favouris of Roxbrugh; and all pensiounes and vtheris deidis done be him in prejudice of the law and croun revokit, exeept the pensiounnes of the officeris of the croun.

6. The commissioun, submissioun and decreit following thairon ratifiet and approvin; and that no teyndis be led quithir valuet or vnvaluet; quhair thair is no valuatioun, that they pay the fyft of the present rent quhill the constant rent be tryet be the Commissioun, and then they haiue the ease. And that landis alreddie valuet, that it sall be in the optioun of the heritor to buy or not; bot if he buy not within two yeir, it sall be in the optioun of the titular quither to sell or no thaireftir. And for that which is not as yit valuet, that the ordiner course of valuatioun go on; and eftir the valuatioun, to buy within two yeir as befoir. And that if the tutouris negleet thair minouris benefeit, they sall haue actioun aganis thair tutouris for damnage; the pryee of the teynd as is contenit in the deereit; with libertie to the titular to intromet with his few deuties ay and quhill he be satisfiet. And it is deelarit that the Kingis giving way to thair intromissioun sall nawayes prejudge his right now establishit, nor yit establish any right to the superioritie or vthirwayes in thair persoun; and all their vassallis must cum and hold of the King. And beeaus it will be expensive to pas the seallis, breive is ordanit to be direetit, and sum easie cours to be appoyntit be the Lordis of Exeheker to that end.. And beeaus the regalities ar eum in, breve ordanit to be direetit to the heid burgh of the

regalitie out of the chancellaric, for taking of seisings, and the baillie appoyntit to mak responde in Exchcker.

Taxatioun of sex c. thowsand pundis for scx yeiris grantit.

Taxatioun of the twentie penny of annualrent als long grantit.

Taxatioun of two out of ten to the King for thric yeir to cum. Sa the borrower payis ten, and the lender getis bot aught, and maks compt of the two to the King; and may no lend monyis for annualrent for thrie yeiris for no les then ten, that the King be not prejudgit of his two. For quhair mony hes beine lent out of befoir for aught of the hundreth, sa lang as that securitie remains and the lender liftis not, the King getis nothing; quhair it hes ben lent out for nyne, the King for the thric yeir to haiue onc; and quhair for ten, as I haiue said, to haiue two; and eftir the thrie yeir, aught of the hundreth to be the annualrent in all tyme thaireftir. This act wes much spokin aganist; for the King taking two, and the extraordinarie taxatioun being half mark lykwyis out of ten markis, the creditor hes bot fyve pund, and sa wold call in thair monyis and mak vse of them vthirwayis, which wold vndoc these who ar ingadgit, and mak them sell thair landis. It wes ansueret be the chanceller, it wes shame that France sould be fyve, England aught, and Scotland so rigorous. If they maid vse and callit in, it wes a bettir commoun weill; if not, gentlmen wold gett greater pryce for thair landis. And then the King rais and shew it nevir was his suting, but wer desyret be the Lordis of the Articlis, and his pairt of two offerret to him: and the greatest diffieultie he saw that they feirit he maid vse of it heireftir. To give content, he protestit to God he wold nevir suit two thaireftir; and albeit they wold vrge it, that he sould nevir accept it. Quhairon it wes concludet.

Taxatioun.

Anwitie is ratifiet to be payit since xxviij yeiris, and in all tyme heireftir. And quhair the land is al the worst, to pay bot the half; as quhair the best payis x shillingis for quheit, the worst to pay fyve, and beir viij shillingis, and worst four; and sa furth, equivalent the annwitie, as the bollis ar worth, as sall be decydet be the commissioun.

Taxatioun grantit in favouris of our Lordis of Sessioun of ten shilling out of evrie pund land for four termes, to mak up a stok of two hundreth thowsand

merkis for the lordis in all tyme heireftir, that they may leive on the annual-rent of xx^{m} merkis, addit to quhat ellis they haiue besyd, in respect of thair great panis and litill mantinanee formerlie grantit. This went not away without great strokis, and wes thought not to be grantit. Twelff pennies of the pund that the persewar pay not, bot let them seik it off the defender, the lordis them selfis. This wold totallie haiue past, wer not the chancellor thot it ovir gud ane act to be tain away for the defenderis of wilfull pley. Lowdoun heirin allegit the extent of the west wes higher nor the rest of the kingdome, and wold haiue had paynis that taxatioun, accirding to the worth, and not the extent. The King hes maid dissolutioun in parliament of the two abbaeies of Newabbay and Halyruidhous, that he may do with them as he thinkis gud.

Act is maid and declaret be the King that the annwitie sall nawayes be declaret to be vneit to the proppirtie of the croun as easwalitie belonging thairto, quhill his farder pleasour had and advysment thairin.

Act quhairby Frances Stewart is rehabilitat, and sa may stand and persew or defend in judgment. Actis in favouris of Roxbrugh and Baeleugh, and protestatiounes be Marqueis, Caldirwod and vtheris.

Act of ratificatioun of the sextein yeiris impost of wynis in favouris of the Marqueis of Hamiltoun. Sindrie vtheris ratificatiounes in favouris of privat personnes, not neecssar heir to insert.

Act of ratificatioun of the Act of Preseriptioun.

Act in favouris of the College of Glasgo, that no valuatioun be maid of thair landis, and quhat wes valuet anullit. No valuatioun of chureh landis and benefeieis, nethir dilapidatioun can be gevin or takin thairof, nor diminutioun of the same. Ratificatioun of the colledge rightis, and protestatioun maid against be the Duk of Lennox and the toun of Glasgo.

Act, that na immediat vassall to the King holding waird may heireftir sett landis in few ferme without the King's consent, whieh they mycht haiue done of befoir. The reasoun this wes sought, that the King sould be in no wors eais nor any vthir superior of ward landis.

Spynie desyrit his gift as Generall Mustir Maistir to be ratifiet, and with all allowanee for his chairge as the counsell thot fitt. This wes opposit, and thot nevir to be grantit; yit being voittit quithir it sould be remittit to the Counsell or not, wes voycit to be remittit to the Counsell: And sa think-

ing thair wes pluralitie of contrair voycis, gentrie and burrowis alledget the Clark Register had miscountit, and sa to be voycit again. It depending on his credeit, the chancellar ansueret any wold challenge it, let them on thair hazard since the clerk wes honest : and so did the King. Nain had will, clark heving rollis, to ingadge himself particularlie on the hazard of a voyce or two in a commoun eaus ; and so voycit remittit. And being demandit how many distant voyces, ansueret, 'Thrie.' It went als hard almost in the first two arcticlis heirin. Sir James Lokhart craivit then, befoir the counsell determenit, that the King wer adverteissit, and the gentrie and burrowis warnit to object : and so is establishit.

For the Commounweall.

Nevir a word setlit in Parliament, bot referret all be commissiouns, sum to the counsell, sum to the excheker, and sum to the great commissioun : And sa in effeet, I think, they haiue maid the counsell and excheker and great commissioun all Parliamentis, and all becaus tyme could not permitt. Sikas for the dolloris and coyne, referret to the counsell to tak order thairin. Bot the King hes causit mak ane aet that it prejudge not his prerogatiue quha hes only right thairto be vertew thairof, and neidis not to doe it be Parliament or Counsell. And sikas Erskein and Buchanis monopolies and vtheris greivances, gevin in to the Lordis of the Articlis, and impositioun of the restraint of victuall and vtheris of the lyk natuir, which my memorie cannot stretch to, and not necessar at this tyme, since heireftir yow will heir ; for I think my memorie heirin hes breiflie expresset allmoist all doine in Parliament at this tyme. Eftir his Maiestie's returne fra Falkland, the King and Counsell sitteth in Airthis busines, and he ordanit for to ansuer for himself. Nothing spokin thairin in parliament. Nothing of the Banrentis at this tyme. Our Earlis beis maid the morrow. As farder occurris yow sall heir. So wishing your worship all health and happines, quhairin I may continew

Your worship's awin to serve yow,

Johnn Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 28 Junij 1633.

It is thot this two of ten of the hundreth sall be givin to the Marqueis

of Hammiltoun, being motiounit and articlit be Hadington. The Marqueis gat the purs of xx^{m} merkis offerret be the toun to the King, as dew to him be his place, being Maister of the horses: and at two throes onlie of the dyee, Pembrok and Holland I saw win the same, and sa all Edinburgh (thair offer) at two throes.

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 29th June 1633.

238. Richt honorabill Cheiff, the occasion being offerrit be my fatheris goeing home, albeit he wald have signifiet to zour honour all that I have to wryt, zit I wold not neglect this opportunitie.

Nothing or litle is done this Parliament, except privat ratificatiounes and taxatiounes. For zour honour hath heard of that taxatioun of sex e. thowsand pund. Ther is farder, the annualrentis ar restranitt to aucht of the hundreth as they wer of befoir to ten; but no eise therby to the debtour, for the vther twa merkis of annualrent of the hundreth ar ordainit to belong to the King; and albeit he sould get bot sex for the hundreth, he moist ay give twa for the hundreth. For this effect there is to be appointit some persones for ressaueing in of obligatiounes, to the effect, the King may know whoe hath money, whoe not.

Ther is a committe given to the counsall from Parliament to consider vpone my Lordis Spainzies patent of generall muster-maister, and of the dewtie that he craves therby of sexteine schilling from everie one betwixt saxtie and saxteine. This went hard, and as sindrie of the commissioneris sayes, it wes be maniest voitis dessacentit fra. Bot the Clerk of Register said the contrair. The Lord Lowdoun rais and allcadgeit the same. Bot the King affirmit, if it wer fund vtherwayes that the Lord Lowdounes allcadgeance aganes the Clerk of Register wer not verifict, he sould tak ordour thairwith. Fra this wes spokin, all wes silent, and soe the matter went one.

Ther wes nothing heard of the Erle of Arralles hen out of everie hous that reikis as constabill, or fyve schilling for the same. And it being voitit ancnt his Maiestics prerogatiue, it went hard; bot his Maiestie prevaillit. The

artiekle anent the novatioun of the Chureh, being voitit, wes denyit, and soe the Chureh standis as of befoir.

Ther is a eommite for reveising of the lawis, a eommite for the surranderis and teyndis. And ther is lykwayes a ratificatioun of the Colledg of Justiee, thair former liberties, and a taxatioun of twa e^{m} merk given to thame to be mortifiet to the vse of that hous for evir. They have power to vplift the same thamselfis, and to appoint thair awine eolleetour.

The Artiekle anent the reseinding of the Aet of Parliament twieking the fyve zeiris possessioun of foirfawt persones, wes not hard of nor voittit. Sindrie vther privat ratificatiounes went throw, and amongst the rest, the priviledges of the Churehes wes ratifiet.

Ther is adjoynit to the eommitte tuieking the Erle of Airth, the Thesaurer of Ingland, the Chalmerland and the Seeretar; swa that it is thoeht that matteris will goe hard with him.

The moneyes that ar gevin out in bandis befoir this Aet, if the anuelrent be 8 of the hundrethe, payes none to the King bot the tuentie penny as of befoir; bot if the anuelrent be 9 of the i^{c}, the King gettis a mark, and if for ten, the King gettis tua. Bot if the bandis be renewit, quhatever be the extent of the anuelrent, the King must haive twa merkis of the anuell, by and attour the 20 penny.

It is surmeisit that Hadintoun is to be Chauneellour, and Lauderdaill President of Counsell.

Sua till the nixt oeeasioun, being humblie and heartlie rememberit to your honour and your worthie lady, I ever rest,

Your honouris awin to honour and serve yow,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edenburghe, 29 Junii 1633.

The Parliament raise yeisterday, and his Maiestie goes to the rest of his progres vpon Monday.

To my ryeht honorable and worthie Cheiffe,
the Laird of Nether Pollok.

DAME GRISSELL BLAIR, to her husband, SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, [June 1633.]

239. Sir, I haue no neus to wryt bot that I eome to the toun one Munonday at tua efter none, and the King did go to the Castell, and was thair all that night; and on Tysday morning, the King and many of all his nobilitie eam ryding doune to the abay in thair robes with ane grit schaw. I heir he lyks this kingdom werie weill, and sueirs he thinks it littill inferior to any vther pairt. Ze heir that thair ar many Lords, Erls, and sum Marqueis to mak. I wisst ze had beine heir bot ane hour, to haue sein the sho that was heir; bot I pray youe hald yourself merie w[h]ill I eum hame. I hau not sein non of my freinds zett, bot they werie many knows I ame heir; quhairfor I think I will be foreit to go sie them, bot I sall be as chaep as I may. I pray zow wryt to me if ze haue occasion, quhilk will do me werie grit contentment, and sall remain,

Zour's euer to be comandit,

GRISSELL BLAIR.

Tysday.

To the right honorable Sir Johne Maxvell of Nether Pollok, Knyght.

[Indorsed by Lord Pollok: "Missive, Lady Pollok to her husband when she went in to the Parliament, 1633.]

LADY ELIZABETH DOUGLAS, reliet of John Earl of Mortoun, Lord Maxwell, and mother of Robert first Earl of Nithisdaill, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 11th July 1633.

240. Honorabill and assurit freind, I hawe thocht gud to schaw zow that I mynd, God willing, to be with zow about Lammes, and hes writtin to Robert Miller and to my offieer to wairne sua maney horsmen as I hawe appointit, and sume cariage men, to be heir at me the fyft of Agust. The Kingis Maiestie gois to Dalkeith the morne, being Fryday, and beis vpon Setterday and Sonday al day in Seitowne, and fra that furth takis journay. The Lord tak his Maiestie weil

heme. His Maiestie cumming ower the water at Kingorne, ther rais'd in litil tempest of wedder, the day being plesant and fair quhen his Maiestie took the sea. His Maiestie cam to Leith in ane of His Maiesties awne schippis verie weil, praysit be God! Bot sume folkis, feiring na danger, teuk ane cok bot, and vnlokit for, the tempest rais, and thay ar all perichit bot tua or thrie. I dout nocht bot ze hawe hard how materis hes proccidit heir sen his Maiesties cumming heir. I man complene to zow of the minister quha hes vsit me verie hardlie and gridilie. For that mater of the smal teindis continewing swa lang gard ws beleiwe that he wald newer alter ws, and that quhilk fourtie pundis wald hawe done at that tyme quhen he tewk ordour with the rest, and hawe payit sensyne as the rest did, he tewk thrie hundreth mark fra me. I kane say no more bot God keip widowes and fatherles out of his hand.

My lord my sone goes to Berwik with his Maiestie, and thairefter cummes bak to Leith, and goes hame to Niddisdail, and out of that goes to Irland; and my son James goes to Franee with Colonel Hepburne. The Lord send thame both gud voyagis! As I hawe occasione I sall wryt to zow. Sua my lowing commendationis being remembrit to zow and zour lady, I pray the Lord preserve zow bothe, and restis,

Zowr assurit freind,

Elizabeth C. of Nithisdaill.

Edinburgh, the alevint of July 1633.

To the rycht honorabill and my assurit freind, Sir Johne Maxwel of Nather Pollok, Knycht Baronet.*

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to Sir Johne Maxwell of Pollok, 13th July 1633.

241. Rycht honorable cheiffe, my father haveing stayet longer then I exspectit, quhat hethe occurrit since my former your honor shal be heirby informed. Their is a signator past the preivic seill in favoris of the Lyoun, of a particular

* The seal on this letter bears the Douglas arms, and the letters D. E. D. for Dame Elizabeth Douglas. The writer had probably adopted the courtesy title of Countess of Nithisdaill, when her son got a grant of that title in exchange for Mortoun.

sowme to be payet be evirie gentilman at his instalment in any dignity, and be every nobleman at his advancement to a hiecher tytle then he had of befoir, and the lyke to be payet at their or their ladies buriellis.

The Erle of Airthe hethe gottin to his choyse either to abyde the tryell be law, or to come in his Maiestie's mercy; and this he must determein againest his Maiestie's returne. Bot, as wee heir, he myndis to undergoe the vttmost censure that in law he is lyabill to.

My Lord Nithisdaill myndis to Irland, within 20 dayes or a monthe at farthest, to prosequut his Irishe suitt. My Lord Hereis and some of his breether, and the Maister of Maxuell, ar to France with Colonell Hepburne. There is a legue, offensive and defensive, concludit betuixt the Frenshe and the Estaitis. The Pollis ambassadour his commissioun is to be reported be his Maiestie's awin ambassadour efter his Maiestie's returne to Ingland.

The matter of teynd is somequhat more favorablie concluidit be the parliamint to the tittuliris then wes of befoir, for their is a certaine tyme appoyntit betuixt, and quhilk if the heretoris buy not, they shal be lyabill to the rent, and secluidit for ever from bueying, quhilk is within tua yeiris efter their valeuationes beis concludit and endit; and in many caices the heretoris is secluidit from valeuatioun.

Wee heir a dolorouse report, albeit some sayes the contrair, that my Lord Ross is deceist at Londoun.

I know your honor hethe heard of the multitud of Lordis, Viscountis and Erles that hethe bein maid at this tyme. Of Lordis, these ar the L. Jonston, the L. of Wachtoun, the Laird of Corstorphein, the Laird Balachane, the Laird Pitsligo, the Laird Lochinvar, to be Viscount of Kenmure; bot my Lord Lowdounes patent is stayet, because he vottit against the King his prerogative; he hethe a note of the names of all these who hethe vottit in his contrair at this tyme.

The Erle of Mortone, the Lord Channcellor, and the Lord Traquair, wer all vpon their knees for the Taxatioun, bot his Maiestie did refuise them. My Lord Nithisdaill wold have me to Irland with him to agent his bussines their. Bot I will not goe (except he promeise to geive me his cheiffe imployment in that eirand,) to trouble or marr my fortoines heir, quhilk I will not losse for a smale matter.

If I could have als muche leasour as vtheris, I should not be negligent in wryting, bot treulie seldome my effaires can permitt the embracement of every occasioun. Alwayes what I wryt shall not be lyke Johne Nicollis newes, or vthers who evrey way takis occasioun to hurle in every report in their missives. Bot feiring to be tediouse, being heartlie rememberat to your honor and your worthy lady, wisheing to heir of your helthe, I ever rest and remayne,

Your honors awin loveing couseing and serveand,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 13 Julij 1633.

To my very honorable and worthie cheiffe, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok, knycht.

Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 18th July 1633.

242. Noble sir, since at all occasions I haue funde your worship's trew loue and respect to exside my deserte, and being one in whose frindshipe I haue gratest confidence ; it hes moued me to send your worship thir wryts, chartur, seising, and contrake, with a full pouer to doc in that particular as zee shall think fitting. I haue enformed my selfe the best I can of the surtie, and I find it the fitest cours to wrdge payment of the monyes. I haue spokne with Sir Thomas, in a faire way, that hee wald aduance me swm monyes at the presont ; bot my Lord Straban can enforme your worship of his ansuer. Aluayes I purpose to let Sir Thomas know of the pouer I haue giuin your worship, and that my oune desir is to haue my monyes. All expensis that is to be disbursid in that particular, my Lord Straband will fwrnisht ; and your worship being cairfwll in this sall oblidge me to remain,

Your worship's most faithfwll freind and seruitor till death,

S. Wil. Hamilton.

I haue acquentid my Lord Straban and Caprintowne fwlly with the bosines, and whan zee think fitting zee may haue ther aduyce.

My Lord Straban will aequent your worship with all news, and how bosines goith.

Edinburgh, the 18 of Jwlly 1633.

To the right honorable his most asswred freind, Sir Johne Maxwell of Polloke, Knight,—Thes.

MR. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Advoeate, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 22d July 1633.

243. Honorable eheiffe, haveing wishett for the eertaine oeeasioun of a beirer, I delayet till now that this opportunitie hethe offerit. And albeit lytill or nothing oeeurrit this short tyme, yeit the opportunitie vrget me heirvnto. Eftir that the Marqueise of Hamilton obtenit the offeiee of eolleeting the taxatioun, he past the same throw the seillis till it eame to the great seill, at whiehe the Channeellor refuisit, quhervpon the Marqueise serveand tuike instrumentis; and this is be the Erle of Hadintoun be post sent to his Maiestie. The Channeellor hethe sent ane vther post efter him immediatlie. And efter all, Mr. John Home requyrit the Lord Channeellor eonforme to the Kingis will, and he refuisit also, and he is also gone post to show the Channeelloris refuisell. What will come heirof none knowes, bot many exspeetis vnexspeetit eventis.

The Erle of Airthe is eertainlie eomet in the Kingis will, and his Maiestie, as wee heir, myndis to degrad not him of his honoris; bot it is surmeisit that his creditoris will kill him.

The Kings of Denmark and Polland ar bund (as the report beiris) to procuire peace to the Emporor, who hethe ane army of $1^{e\ m}$ men, and the vther 40^{m} men moe. Sua that great bluid dalie is shed ther.

The Frenehe hev iett eompany heir. Sindry of them tuik ship yeisternyeht, and Mr. William Coeheranes breiuthir ar heir yeit with Sir William Hamiltoun attending his dispatshe. They ar guid prettie gentlemen, and I hope God shall blisse them.

Their ar eome to Holland from the west Ilandis 7 riehe shippis, whiehe ar

muehe spokin off. The Prince of Oreng hethe arreistit the maist pairt of all the shippis vppon some vnknawin expeditioun, whiehe tyme will manefest.

If tyme and leeisur could permitt, I should signifie farder; bot being in hest, I remitt the rest to the nixt occasioun, and so humblie restis,

Your honoris loveing cousein and serveand,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 22 Julij 1633.

To my very honorable and worthie eheiffe, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knycht,—With diligence.

Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 22d July 1633.

244. Honorable sir, this beirer, as ane worthie freind, hes aequentid me with diuers your partieulars, whieh (God willing) I sall not be wnmyndfwll of, and, as ane real freind, sall doe yowr worship the best seruiee lyeth in my pouer. I haue all my eumpany in this towne wating wpon a shipe and a faire winde. Your worship's wabster, who hes absentid himselfe, let him be pwnished whan he is fwnd, aeeording as he deserus; so sall I alwayes remane,

Your worship's most faithfwll freind and seruitor,

S. Wil. Hamilton.

Lith, the 22 of Jwlly 1633.

I pray yowr worship gif the Shirriue thanks for his infinit great kyndnes to me.

To the honorable his mueh respeetid freind, Sir Jhone Maxwell of Polloke, Knight,—These.

JOHN MAXWELL of Barfill to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
9th August 1633.

245. My humble service rememberit. Pleas your honer, I am to stay a spaee in this countrie for helping of my house, the quhilk is hurt be the troublsome night, and to wait on ane or tua of evill debtoris till I sie thair erop shorne, that thairby I may wine to my avine; and in the meane time I heave send home my servand to handle my avine harvest at home. Thairfoir I sall sie your honor shortlie, beeause I mane mak my moane to yowr honor first eoneerning my brother, wha duangis me so hardlie that nather I ean get ane vther to tak the landis affe my hand, nor zet him selfe, aecording to the heidis of his eontraet. And now lykwayes I ame duangit with my sonne eoneerning his mariage, quhairwith I laid eounte to heave releivet my debtis, thinking onlie to put affe my time, beeaus I ame agit. By the quhilk he trowes to vine to his avine toeher himselfe, bot be the graee of God he sall be deeeaved, and I heave onie tyme to leive; for I heave stolne no diute on him, bot befoir his vnele, my brother, the laird of Teiling, and Johne my eousing of Glasgow, and now to your honor above all the rest, I deteet his vndewtie towardis me, and, be Godis graee, I sall mak his maring so vnwordie, that it sall not be speirit for. As to the partieular eourse of his beheaviour towardis me, I will at mair lenght partieularlie informe your honor. Albeit my bodie be deeayed and aged, zet the spirit remaines; sua that I think not to be vndermindit with the subtilitie of my avine browe. The rest I referre to meiting. Commitis your honor and all youris to Godis proteetione. Your honor's servand,

JOH. MAXWELL of Barfill.

Kilmakhome, the ix day of Aguist 1633.

To the honorable and my speeiall guid freind, Sir Johne Maxwell
of Nather Polk, Knight,—These.

CLAUD HAMILTON (second son of James first Earl of Abercorn), LORD STRABAN, in Ireland, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 23d November 1633.

246. Worshipfulle and loveinge coossinge, I have drawin vppe my awin letter, and your letter also, to the Erle of Traquare, quhilkis bothe yee sall receive with the Dukc's grace letter to the Chancellour, quhilk sincc our parteinge I have resolvit to send ciste to be delivert to the Chancellour be the Erle of Traquarc, as ze will perceivc by reidinge your awin lettir. Wherfor, caus dispach thame eist with all diligence, and acquantc Mr. William Cochran heirwith. I rest,

Your loveinge coossen to doe yow service,

Strabane

Blakstounc, the 23 November 1633.

Pervse my letter, and thereftir cloise itt with some stampt that wantis namc and armes.

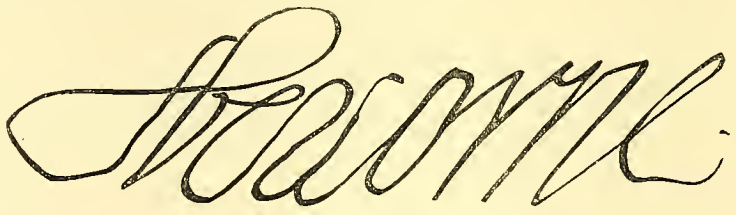
To the richt worshipfulle and my verie loving coossen,
Sir John Maxwelle off Nethcr Pollok, Knicht.

JAMES SECOND EARL OF ABERCORNE to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,] 30th November 1633.

247. Right worshipfullc and loving frind, I can wryt no mor to you then what I did with William Cokburn about the Castell of Dumbritan, till I hear what hes bin done the 19 of this instant. As for your aun busines, after my cuming wp I desyred thc Douk to subscryve your tak, which he was willing to doe; bot when I presented it, his grace was not pleased with the forme of it, becaus ther was no rent spesified in it, bot onlie the deutis wsed and wont, which he did not wnderstand; and it sims sum had informed him that it was mor worth then I said. Whairupon I desyred his grace to caus my Lord Traquair informe

himself therin. And about your hading, I was loth to aquent my Lord Traquair with it (beeaus he was Tresurar deput) without your knoleg; bot siing you have aquented him with both, I hop at his heireuming, whieh will be shortlie, they will be done; but I will assur you of the tak. I have sent hom be William Cokburne ane memorandum of thes things I wold have done at Paslay befor my homeuming, whieh I most reeomend to your oversiing, and intreat you to doe me the favour to goe to Paslay at sum tyms and si them weill done. So giving you manie hartie thankes for the pains that you tak in my affairs, with my servie remembred to your ladie, I shall ever remaine

Your most affeetionat frind to serve you,



Londoun, the 30 of November 1633.

Sir William Hamilton, third son of James first Earl of Abereorne, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 2d February 1634.

248. Right worshipfull and lowing eame, I hawe reseved yowr letter deated at Pollok the seeond of November, wharby I wnderstand of yowr good halth (to my great eontentment), and that yow hawe reseved an gift of the keiping of the Castell of Dwmbarten with swm other lettres I sent yow from the Dwke. I perseve yowr eair in my bosines to be extraordiner; for it is evident by the affeets wharof I am very sensible, and does rejoys that I hawe so trew a real freind in my absenee. I wonder mweh at Sir George Elphinstown, who, after hee had reseved the Dwk's letter, did mak his twa sonnes-in-law endevoir to resist yowr entromission; bot I hawe learned sinee that hee is in som mesowr rewardet for his folly, and that yow ar in fwll possession of all. I sowld be glaid that the hows war keiped in good ordir as every thing els that belongs to

the Castell, that wee may not gif our enemies oeeasion to tak advantage; and gif any thing of the rents beis resting, yow know how to mak wsse of it; for owr condition heir will serve ws for an afpwtting till we sie a better. Bot to be frie with yow, this employment is very wneerten and ehargable; for gif a man desing to hawe greater preferment, he sall be forst to spend mor nor all the benefit he ean mak be his plaee, howbeit he war pwnetwally weill payed, as we ar not. Yow seim desirws to sie me at hom gif my adoes cowld permitte; bot that can not be eonveniently, beeaws wee expeet shortly the army sall be stwrring, and non of ws at these oeeasions can be absent with owr credeit. Bot agenst the nixt wintir, gif owr bosines goe not better, it is possible I ewm hom and sie yow; for be that tym I think to be a sogowr expert anweh to keipe the Castell of Dwmbarten. I hear yow hawe eawsed premonieh my wnkle Sir Thomas Boyd, for my monys, bot that ther is small howps of payment; wharfor zee desire that I sowld advertis yow gif zee sall proseid ony farder be law. All that I ean say to yow in that partiewlar is, that gif my wnkle Sir Thomas, will gif good swrtie for twalve thowsand merks at the term of Wotsonday, then I am eontent that yow gif him a frie diseharge of all; so mweh is my love and eompassion to his misery, notwithstanding it be to moweh for me to lose. Bot gif he be not eontent with this, yow will be pleased to wse the extremetie of the law agenst him, gif yow find it the swrest way. This mweh yow hawe from me for yowr warrand; bot gif zee think the sowm of twelve thowsand merks to litle, or to mweh, to be exaetid af him, then ewtt and carve as zow find expedient. Gif yow think it fitting to plaee Mr. William Coehren eonstable of the eastell, dwring my absence, doe it freily. For my own pairt, I hawe no desing to on by another; and gif me lord, my brother, hes a desing to any, he will advertise yow of it. This for the present, with my service remembrid to yowr lady, and sall ever eontinow,

Yowr worship's most affeetionat to serwe yow,

S. Wil. Hamilton.

Nansy, the 2 of Februar 1634.

Hew Coehren and his brother ar both in good halth, and remembers ther serviee to yow. Your man, Barnard Stewart, is reeoverid from a great seiknes.

I sall be glaid to hear from yow with the first occasion; for I reseve mor contentment be yowr letters nor be onybody els.

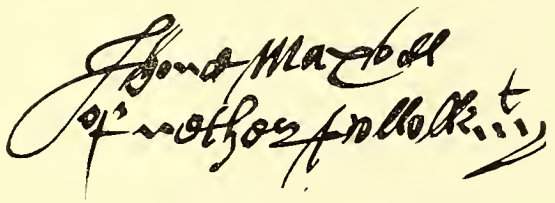
To his very worshipfull and mweh asswred freind, Sir Jhon Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Knight, Seotland,—Thes.

Sir John Maxwell of Pollok to John first Earl of Traquaire, 9th April 1634.

249. My verie Honorabill gud Lord, pleis, I luikit and exspeetit that befoir this tyme, as zour Lordship anes writ to me befoir zour Lordship's last going vp to Court, that his Majestie's maister of wark, or sum fra him, sould hawe eum heir to the eastell of Dunbartane to hawe vissit the estait thairof, that ordor myeht be gevin for reparatioun of the samyne now in this symmir befoir the wintir eum on. For the present estait of the housis is sa that gif thay be not helpit in this symmir seassoun, na honest man ean duell thairin: for the north eist eoun of the hall, being sumthing rwynous, was taine doun this last zeir, befoir my entrie, of purpois to hawe bein buildit vp againe, and zit lyis doun. Besyd this, the hall is not zit maid watterfast. The brewhous and baikhous are doun. The barne and staibillis ar doun, and altogiddir rwynous. The wallis of the neddir baillis on the south syd of the eastell ar so deeayit and fallin doun that it ean not hald out beistis, lat be men; and as for the muskattis and hag-buttis within the hous that war left to me thairin, thair ar nane of thame aibill to mak syrviee, pairtlie wantand the wark and pairtlie brokin, as the inventar thairof will testifie; albeit I am informit thay war suffieient at the Justeice Clerkis entrie thairto. As for the provisioun of the hous in powdir and sehot, I hawe gottin nothing as zit of his Majestie nor of ony wther, nather of powdir nor billat; bot to my grit eharges was forcet to by the same, as occasioun fra tyme to tyme offerit. For zour Lordship knawis the form of this hous hes beine ewir that, quhen nobill men eummis heir to vissit the same, thay get sum sehot of the grit ordinanee to thair bonevale, as thair plaiee and honor requyris; and for furnesing of powdir and sehot, the Duikis graee and his Captaine haid his Majesties outward eustoums of Clyd, ay quhill vmquhill Sir John Stewart,

throw his eairles negleet, sufferit vmquhill Sir Gedeon Murray (the tyme he was thesaurar deput) to tak in the same to the exehakker. And seing zour Lordship is now in that plaiee and offiee, quha I am assuret respeetis boith the Duikis graee's honor and proffeit, and the priviledge of this his hous, I will be bauld to requeist zour Lordship not only to eaus the Maister of wark vissit the hous, and at leist this symmir to eaus repair the same aeeording to the neeessitie thairof, bot lykwayis that zour Lordship will tak ordour for furnesing of powdir and sehot, and that zour Lordship in the meintyme will be plesit to inform the Dukis grace, that it is his honour and eredeit to get bak thaise outward eustomis to this eastell for the vse foirsaid. Referring thir partieularis and the neeessitie of the present reparatioun of the housis to zour Lordshipis eonsideratioun, hoiping zour Lordship will hawe eair thairof, and that ane be sent to vissit the same with diligenee in the meintyme, I hawe sent zour Lordship the eopie of the inventar reeeawit be the Justeiee Clerk at his entrie, and the eopie of the inventar I reeeawit at my entrie aeeording as Mr. William Coehran, Sehireff Deput of Renfrew, desyrit me in zour Lordshipis name; that zour Lordship may eonsiddir of boith, and that the Justeiee Clerk may be soeht and persewit for restitutioun of and reparatioun of quhat is defieient. Swa for the present eeassing to trubill zour Lordship with langer lettir, my dewtie and service rememberit, I tak my leiff, luiking to heir sehortlie fra zour Lordship, and restis,

Zour Lordshipis affeetionat freind and kinnisman to serwe zow,



Dunbartane Castell, the 9 of Apryle 1634.

To my verie honorabill and speeiall gud Lord,
the Erle of Traquaire,—Thaise.

JAMES SECOND EARL OF ABERCORNE to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
20th April 1634.

250. Right worshipfulle and loving frind, I am asshamed that I have not yet sent you the tak from my Lord Douk, which has not bin my falt, bot sine it has bin so long of euming, I will nou bring it hom my self. The ship with my goodes is parted from this, and I have sent hom this bearar to mit hir, who knos and has in wryting all that is in hir, and so sun as I ean hear that sho is eum to Dunbritan, I will, God uilling, begin my jornay from this; and therfor I most intreat you to doe me the favour to tak the pains to help my brother to si the hous hansumlie drest and provyded against my homeuming, as I have sent hom dereetions be this bearer; and if I have forgotten anie thing that is nesessar yet, I intreat you let it be done. So hoping to si you shortlie, with my servie remembered to your ladie, I shall ever remaine,

Your most affectionat frind to serve you,

ABERCORNE.

Londoun, the 20 of Apryll 1634.

To the right worshipfulle my verie loving frind, Sir Johne Maxvall
of Nether Pollok, Knight,—Thes.

MR. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Advocate, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
18th June 1635.

251. Ryeht honorable cheiffe, aeeording to my deutie and promeise, as oeeasion offerit, I could not bot wryt and to geive yow thankis for the kyndnes your honor hes shawin to my puire breether, quhilk geive either I or they foirgett wee ar vngrait. I pereeave now that that whiehe my father refuiset, quhilk wes to interteyne his bairnes, wes resolvet vpon be him. I am sorie not so

muche for what they haive lossed, as that whiehe he hethe lossed by his miscariage, alwayes beeause of our interest in your honor. Their shal be no proces till I onee againe assay what dewtie he will doe. I haive heard of your honors ladies seiknes, bot praisit be God I heir now that shoe is somequhat convalest.

As for occurrences, few I heir, because I take not muche noteice of them. I had rather haive one guid client as heir many newes. Wee heir that the Hollenderis hes takin in Brisillis, and that in France their is a very great taxt, so that the Kingis Commissioneris haveing come doune to Burdeaux to sett a greater taxt vpon the wynes, the toun being incensed hes eassin the Commissioneris in the sea. This I heard from one laitlie come home.

It is trew that my Lord Balcomyeis brothir, Mr. Andro Lermonthe, minister at Labertoun, hes gottin a gift of the abbacy of Lyndoris, with power to quarrell all fewes, quhilk this last day wes presentit in Exchequer, bot was opposet be the vassellis.

Their is also a lettre come from his Majestie declairneing the Archbishop of Saint Androis to be in all tyme comeing befoir the Channeellor or any other subject in Scotland, as wee heir. It is also surmeisit that their is a warrand come for Balmerino, his liberatioun, bot no certaintie as yeitt.

We heir also that the King of France hes gevin a very greatt defeitt to the Emperour, so that he hes killit 20^{m} men and taken 4 cheiffe tounes.

His Majestie's navie is vpon sea, bot not far outt, so that wee know not as yeit of thair intentioun.

Farder I haive nott to relaite, bott wisheing lenthe of dayes, healthe and happines, to your honour and your honoris ladie, with my deuty rememberit, I ever rest and am,

Your honoris awin couseing and serveand,
Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 18 Junij 1635.

To the rycht honorable and my worthie cheiffe, Sir John Maxuell of Netherpollok, Knycht.

Sir Alexander Hamilton, younger son of James first Earl of Abercorn, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok], 15th July 1635.

252. Honorable cousine, hewing this opportunity, I could not in dewty omit to crewe pardon for my so long silenee, and also to maik ane account to you as my most noble freind, quhat hes beine the caus of my so long stay in this kingdome. First at my owereuming I went to Dublin, from thenee to Rosere, wher my brother Sir George lady wes. So my brother, Sir George, got the aixes, which continued threa weeks. So, wpon his recowery, we went to Dubline about the Earle of Antrume's bissines, wher we had not stayt tu dayes till we had leteres of my Lord Strabane's sciknes, wpon which we both did cum to Strabane. So I stayet ten dayes at Strabane, and then I went wp to Dubline for to procur my Lord Strabane ane warrant from my Lord Deputy for to go into Skotland. So efter I had procured this I went to Roscre, my wnkill Sir George's hous, wher I foond my sister Hamilton. I stayed ther ane weik till my sister wes raidy to cum; and I hewe broght my sister home wpon the 11th of this munth. So the raisoune that I dow not eum hom with my Lord Strabane, is my brother, Sir George, being nowly to taik wp hous efter my Lord Strabane's pairting from this. So I will stay with my brother, Sir George, till he be ane fornieht or 3 weiks setilled at hom. Then he will eum with me to the Wieount Clandebuc's hous, wher I hop we shall maik ane beter agriment then Glanderstoune thinks we will; for I hewe got sum informasioune since my cuming into this cuntry that I dar mor boldly ax for my oune. So I hop that I shall giwe your worship content at meiting, for being so long of wryting. I wes in hops that Glanderstoune should hewe told my Lord my brother and your worship what hes past betuixt my Lord Clandeboy and me; bot since he hes beine so self mynded as not to speik, I am sory for it. Bot I hop at meiting to giwe your worship mor content; so with my humble serwice to your lady, I remaine

Your worship's most louing cousine and serwant,

A. Hamilton.

Strabane, July 15th, 1635.

LADY ELIZABETH DOUGLAS, COUNTESS OF NITHISDAILL, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 31st July [1633.]

253. Honorabill and lowing freind, thair is word comed to the towne that thair is thrie bairnis deid in Glasgow that was burdit in Janet Heriottis, and ane gentilman cuming in to visit thame is deid to, and the report is that it is the plaig, quhilk God forbid it be! And seing I was myndit to cumm to zour hous, as I am zit, giwe it pleis God it be nocht the plaig; and seing I could nocht get the certantie heir, I hawe directit this berar to zow to get suir aduertisment quhat it is. For giwe it [be] the plaig, I wil stay my folkis fra cuming hier; vtherwayis, God willing, I am myndit to hald my journay. My son the maister maid sail vpon Friday last, and my Lord my sone is to tak journay presentlie to Irland. Sua, my lowe being rememberit to zour self and zour lady, I rest

Zour assurit freind,

At Edenburgh, the last of Julie.

To the rychtt honorabill Sir Johne Maxwel
of Nither Pollok, Knycht, Baronet.

GABRIELL MAXWELL, Daniskine, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 31st August 1635.

254. Richt huniriabile, efter my very humill dewtie remembrit; plis zow witt that I ame in good helth, presit bie God, wising daylie from my hert the lyk of zow, and al zouris. Plis your worsichip, wit that I hef resewit my bor briff, quherin I thaink your hounor most humilie for the good fafour and painis ye heff takine concerni[n]g my bor briff: plis zour huonor, caus on of zour servandis resew frc thes birar, Johne Alcoirne, onc haime in takine off lowe. I prey zour

huonor to hold mie excuisit off the wirth of it, for off a trouth at thes ocatione I can heff nothing that I can ofir in one takine off lowe to your hounnor, becauis off the wiris; and now, presit bie God, wie heff thes wiek pice, for sertantie: it is proclamit hir in the toune off Daniskeine, and the King being [in] the toune in the myne tyme. Not troubling zour hounor fairder, bot commitis zow and all zour afairis to the protectione of the Almychtie Lord God, I rest,

Zouris most humille cussing to bie commandit,

GABRIELL MEXWEILL.

Daniskine, the last of August 1635.

To the richt honorabill Sir Johne Mexwell off Polek, Knicht,—
Thes bie delyvirit in hand,—Thes.

[SIR JOHN] MAXWELL of Conhaith to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 1st November 1635.

255. Werie honorable and speciall freind, I receaued zour lettre, whairby I perceaue ze receaued ane ansuere of ane lettre of zouris directed to the Earle of Nithisdaill of ane long tyme past, whairin he promises to take order with zour byrun annuellis at his Lordshipis comming owt of Ireland. And now seing that it hes pleased God that he is saflie returned bothe from Ireland and Ingland, ze will me earnestlie to entreat with his Lordship that ane place may be appointtitt about Mertinmes nixt, whair ze may receaue zour byrun annuellis, because ze may continow no longer, in respect that these whom to ze are adebtted will delay zow no longer. The estate of my Lordis affairis concerning these moneyis he sould haue owt of Ireland, is ten thousan pund sterling, quhilk will not be had before Candlemes. His Lordship will be forced to giue the on halfe thairof to the Earle of Annandaill for dissoluing of the matche betuixt his Lordshipis sone and the Earle of Annandaillis dauchter. The vther halfe thairof is to be giuen to the toune of Edinburgh, the laird of Catherwood, and the airis of vmquhill Sir George Elphinston. So ze neid nott think that my Lord is able to furnishe moneyis at this terme, for the great charges his Lordship hes bein at this zeir and ane halfe, bothe in Ireland and at Court, will take up most part

of his rent; but I assure zour honor I sall be vcrie carefull to putt his Lordship in memorie, that so soone as he is able to giue zou satisfaction, with any vther thing I can serue zou in. Sua, wishing zou all happines, I take my leaue, and sall remain,

Zouris assured and louing freind to command,

CONHAITHT.

Conhaithe, the first of Nouember 1635.

My hartelie seruice and commendationis remembred to zour lady.

To the richte honorable and his speciall freind, Sir Jhone Maxuell of Pollock, Kniyhte,—These.

WILLIAM MAXWELL of Killilung to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 23d March 1636.

256. Right honorable, I did seuerall tymes acquaint my Lord this last submission betwixt the Earle of Abercorne and him should bee at point; but his greater affaires has made him forgett the same, till now I haue receiued a letter from him, desiring mee to writc to you till appoint a tyme, which should bee (by your aduertisement) allwayes kept on my Lord's side. But I feare it shall bee about the last of Aprill, in respect, at the writting of this letter, I receiued a letter from my Lord, which did assurc me he was gone to Ireland suddenly, because the Deputy was to bee at London in the Easter weeke, where his stay will bee no longer. His moneys which is expected there is ready, and to bee exchanged to London. My Lord Anandaill is to receiue fiue thousand pound in satisfaction of his whole debt, and the rest for the releife of the debt Sir James Maxwell and vmwhil Sir George has on the baronrie of the Mearnes. You may thinke there will aboue a thousand pound of it goe before it come heere. My Lord Maxwell is going to England to be bred at the schooles, and Conheath goes with him, whose stay will bee short there. My Lord procuired a warrand to the Chancellour to passe the border Commission as amply as either his Lordship had it before, or any other Commissioner whatsomeuer, which was stayed

by my Lord Traquair. Whereupon my Lord sent to Court thereafter, where Traquair was him selfe, and (no question) vsed his best meanes to crosse my Lord's intention; but for all the King hes appointed the Commission to bee as my Lord desired. And, least my Lord Traquaire should bee knowne to gett a slait into it, a great suite was made by him to Mr. Maxwell the Kingis letter might come downe by packett, whereto he agreed. It is not come downe as yet, neither I thinke shall, till Traquair's owne comming, which is shortly expected. For all the rest of my Lord's affaires, (praised bee God,) they goe right enough heere; and this much I thought fitt to acquaint you as one who tenders my Lord's honour and weill no lesse then any whomsoeuer: and so I allwayes remaine, wishin you, your lady, and all that belongs you, all happines,

Yours to serue you,

W. Maxwell of Killilung.

Edenburgh, this 23 of Mareh 1636,—in hast.

To the right honorable Sir John Maxwell of Poicke.

Sir William Cochrane of Coldoune, afterwards Earl of Dundonald, to Sir John Maxwell of Polloke, 29th June 1636.

257. Rycht honorabill sir, I had wryttin to yow erre now if I had gottin anie thinge [done] in your business; bot it hes no bein possibill to me to gett ane tyme of Traquair to sie your processe, whiehe he will doe, albeit everie morninge and eveninge sinee I cam to Edinburgh I have waitted on him. Bot I sall waitt still on him till I have tyme of him. Ther sall nothing be inlaking in me to further your aetioune. I sall exped your eompt of annuitie this day. Wee have no news heir at all, bot still gritt fear of the plague. The counsell hes discharged the strikinge of anie more turnours, bot they have takin no course for keiping in of dollers. Manie of our courtiours are come home. My Lord Lawderdaill also, who hes gottin two thowsand pounds stirling of Murray his compositioun. Home reeeived his honours this day eieht days in the counsell house. The collectioun of the anuities is now, be the King's warrand, injoined

on the shreffs. I feir your ministers of Eastwood's instructiouns doe not cleir the compt, for he hes no send his assignatioun. Bot if he can gett it, send it heir. So with my service to the ladie, I rest

Zours to serve yow,
S. W. Cochrane.

Edinburgh, 29 Junij 1636.

Ther is ane extraordinar evill crope throw this haill cuntrie, for laik of rains. It is reported that the lyk feir is throw all Inglande.

To the rycht honorabill the Laird off Nether Polloke,—These.

Sir Alexander Hamilton, fifth son of James first Earl of Abercorne, to Sir Johne Maxwell of Pollok, 28th October 1636.

258. Honorable cousine, the caus of my being soe long off presenting my service to my Lord, my brother, and to your honour's selff, whome I esteim as my dearest freind, wes the incressing of the seiknes at London, which med the post that gois from Suffolk to be dischired from going thence. I hop this wilbe a suffisient excowes for my long silence. I have wrytin 3 leteres to the granter since my brother Sir George went from this cuntrie. I most confese the beireres of my leteres wes wnknone to me, they being straingeres; yit I knoe be a leter that I had from James Nesmith that the granter had my first leter that I wret to him, which wes a relatioune what had past betuixt my brother Sir George and my Lord Strabane and me. The last tu I wret, it wold be tedious to expres all that wes in them; yit I have in breif exprest the substance of them both to the granter. I have desyred him to shoe your honour my leter that I wryt at this tym, and I doe humble crave your counsell in this purpose, that ye will give it to the granter as if I wer ther my self.

My faither-in-law and I hes done nothing as yit: he desyres that I may have a litill patience till my wyfes wnkill and he meit togither. And whither Mr. Foskew hir wnkill taik anie coures with my father-in-law or not, he hes promissit, wpon Mr. Foskewe's ansuer, that he will perform quhat he promissit

he wold doe. Sir, I have so litill tym to wryt at this prcsent, that I most omit much that I wold wryt otherwayes, if tym wold suffer: only thus much, I wold not be forgetfull to aquent you that I have had noe leteres out of Scotland since I left it, only onc from my sister Lucie, and one from James Nesmith, which seimes wery straing to me that the granter hes not wrytin one word to me what my brother Sir George did in my bissines in Skotland. So, with my humble service to your selff and ladie, I remaine,

Your honouris most obliged coussine and servant,

A : Hamilton.

Newmarket, October 28th, 1636.

To the right honorable my most lowing coussinge, Sir Johne Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Knycht and Barronet,—These present.

Sir William Cochrane of Coldoune to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 2d March 1637.

259. Rycht honorabill sir, I have advysed your sccuritie so weill as I can with Sir Lues Stewart, who thinks that your richt will scairce sustein to be prefcrred to the toun of Edinburgh, since they are first confirmed; bot if yee can gett yourself first posessed, ther will be no questioun in it. For this cause ye must deall be all meins for your posessioun; heirfor I have sent yow summounds wherby yc sall summound the haill tennents to the first of Junij nixt. I sall send home lettirs of arreistment once this weik. I could no gett them readie to send with thir. Caus execute bothe togither, when yc gctt them; and, when it comethe to be persewed, I sall inlaik in nothinge wherin I may further your cause. Your cheif is come in to this toun zisternicht. I wes sciking him this day with your lettir, bot he is not at home; so I sall sie him at some other tyme, and acquaint yow how he thinks of all proceidings. My Lord Traquair is come heir zisternicht also, from his justice court, and hes hanged thrittie prettie men. Ther wes one of your cheif's freinds, Jhon of Cowhill, in gritt perrill, bot he is cscaiped without ane assysse. I send your lettir by Mr. Robert Brucc his advyse, with Robert Laud's brother, to Mr. Woabe. I have

no other thing I can wryte to yow for the present. Bot if I learne anie more, I sall acquaint yow when I send yow your other lettirs; and then I sall send yow your contract and ceassinge also. So I rest yours to serve yow,

S. W. Cochrane.

Edinburgh, 2d Marche 1637.

To the rycht honorabill the Laird off Nether Polloke.

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, Edinburgh, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Knight, 24th November 1637.

260. Worthie and loveing couseing, ... As for occurrences their ar few. . . . . Ochiltrie his tryell is appoyntit to be vpon Weddinsday come aucht dayes, whiche now is Weddensday next. The prymest procuratoris hes refuiset to compeir for him, and he hethe onlie, as wee heir, Mr. Lawrence Makgill, Mr. Alexander Persone, and Mr. Robert Makgill, men weill sein in the civill law, albeit not altogither best. Dauid Ramsay and Makay hes not yeit appoyntit to fycht. The Erle Seafort is yeit in prisson. Nothing heard from the clergy as yeit, saiffe that our couseing, Mr. Johne Maxuell, as wee heir, is made bishop of the Yles, and the bishop of the Yles bishop of Raphoe. The Marqueis and the Erles of Roxburghe, Buckcleuche and Hadintoun is to be Ochiltrie's first accuseris. The Erle of Nithisdaill, our cheiffe, his gift goethe weill one in Ireland, and hes a guid successe, praised be God, as wee heir of Sir Archibald Achesone, wha hes laitlie returned from Ireland. The Queenis Majestie, as yow haive heard, is delyverit of ane douchter, wha is called Marie. His Majestie is assuiredlie to be heir in the Spring, for whiche all pensiounes ar dischairged, and he hes promeist absolutlie to come without excuise. The Erle Bothwell is restored to the halffe of his haill estait, whiche wes possest be the Marqueis of Ham[i]lton and Erles of Roxburghe and Bukcleuche.

Their ar few mae occurrenses at this tyme. As for that vaikant place of Sessioun, it is not as yeit provydit, so far as wee can learne. When farder occurris, your honour shall undoubtitlie heir of the sameyn. The cause why my lord or cheiffe did not keip his promeise wes that he wes in hest, and had some

bussiness adoe at home, whiche could not permitt his absence. Alwayes I doe treulie think that his Lordship's mynd is no les to your honour than it wes at any tyme heirtoofoire.

I haive no more at this tyme bot to craive pardon of your honour that I haive vset yow so in wryting vpon suche ruche and blottit paper, not worthie of your honour: nevertheles, I haive bein the bolder to presume, because I must intreat your honour to cancell thir presentis immediatlie efter the reiding heirof, whiche I hop yow will doe. I will superseid farder till the nixt occasioun, and God willing, then I shall at more lenthe, and on cleiner paper, geive your honour a testimony of my assertion, whiche, being ever rememberit to your selffe and to your honorable bedfellow, I rest and shall ever remayne,

Your honouris awin to serve yow,
Mr. Williame Maxuell.

Edinburgh, 24 November 1637.

Mr. Patrik, my brother, hes his love rememberit to your honour, and hes him excuisit that he hes not writtin, being impeishet be multitud of bussiniss whiche did requyre heest.

To my worthie and muche respected couseing, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nether Pollok, Knyght.

Sir Frederick Hamilton, younger son of Claud Lord Paisley, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 1st April 1638.

261. Honorable and most loueing cosin, encountering a Glascoe merchant so neare your neighbour, least you should censure me of neglecte and breach of promiss, I haue thought fitt hereby to lett you know that it hath pleased God to bringe me safe and ioyfully thus farr on my way home, haueing waited theise two moneths for a wind and shipping for London, where I hope to heare from you of your receipte of this, and that I formerly writt to you from thence, before I begun my voyage. I shall bee glade to heare good newes of you all, and especially of the Earle of Abercorne's good health and courage after his last greate

losse, to all our greifes. I haue written to his Lordshipp a teadiouse longe letter, with ane ample aceomptc of the succcssc of my voyagc, presumeing it will bce aeccptable vnto him. If it proues otherwise, I shall bcc the vnwillingcr hcrcafter in the like kind to trouble his Lordshipp. But God knowcs my harte and my dcsire to pleasure and scrue him. By his letters, which I know hee will imparte vnto you, you shall know as passages hath gone with me, and my reasouns for that voyagc. But for your priuate recreation, and your owne better satisfaetion, I haue caused take some paines to translate thcise things out of Latine into English, what I sent my Lord being all in Latine, hopeing he shall haue Sir William to ioyne with him in the readeing of them. Soe, much longeing to heare from you, and your vertuouse noble ladye, presenting my serviee to you both, wishing vs a more ioyfull happy meeteing then our last parteing did produce, in which hopes I take leaue and rest, as I shall euer remaine,

Your constant loueing kinseman and servant,

S. Fred. Hamiltoune.

Elshennure, the first Aprill 1638.

To my mueh honored noble freind and kinseman,
Sir John Maxefeild of Neather Polke, Knight.

Robert first Earl of Nithisdaill to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 28th May 1638.

262. Louing cusin, my Lord Marquese of Hamiltoun being to cum to Scotland the fyft dey of June, wher I hope, by his Lordship's care, all thir trubillis uhieh ar so thetned sall be remoued in a calme wey. Thar is na good subiect in my mynd uha will noeht giue all respeet and honer due to his place. I haue cummandit all my freends in the south to attend his Lordship, with my Lord Herreis. Since I am nocht to be at home my selfe, uher I sheuld gladlie haue beene, if my presence could haue serued to anie steed, or if a papist myght bot haue had good acceptance from the great rulers of that state for the present. I pry God grant matters mey be quyeted in a calme wey, uhich I mak na doubt my Lord

Marquese will affectuat. I desyer, as yow loue mee, if your healthe will suffer, goe with my Lord Abercorne to meet the Marquese, and tak sic monie of my frends and tennents as ar able to furnise seamlie aparell and good naigis or horse with yow. If yow can nocht goe your selfe, mak choyse of sum as yow think best for tham to goe withall, and caus tham goe in my Lord Abercorn's cumpani, if hee think fitt; for althoght thar is nothing bot quyetnes to be thoght on, it sall be a laik of dutie if we sall nocht exprese a testemonie of respect to my Lord Marquese; speciallie in my part, uha now am in good tearmis with his Lordship, and sall be reddie to giue full proufe of dutie to him, as occasion sall offer, sie I hartale rest,

Your louing cusin,

NITHISDAILL.

Conuent Garding, May the 28, 1638.

To my louing cusin, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Polloke.

JAMES THIRD MARQUIS OF HAMILTON to SIR JOHNE MAXVELL of Pollok, 7th October 1638.

263. Lowing coosing, since I intend, God willing, to be at Glascow wpon Tuysday nixt, the 9 of this instant, I must intreat zow to doe the fawor as to meatt me thare werie tymouslie in the morning, about sewin hours or tharby. So referring all farther to meating, I rest, and shall ewer remane without ceremonie,

Zour effectionett coosing and faithfull freand,

J. HAMILTON.

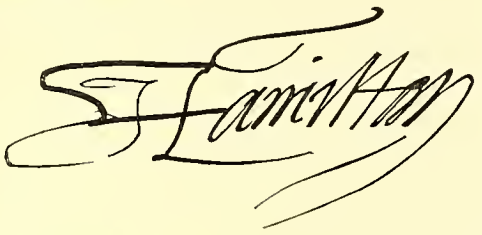
Hammiltoun, the 7 of October 1638.

For my lowing coosing, Sir Johne Maxvell of Pollock.

JAMES THIRD MARQUIS OF HAMILTON to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
10th November 1638.

264. Right assured frend, the Generall Assemblie now approaching, requyrethe my beeing in Glasgow on Setterdaye the 17th of this instant; wharefore I shall desyre your companie hither, and that yee will meette me the said daye at the Towcorse burne about one in the afternoone, as I shall be willing at all your good occasions to showe myselffe,

Your louing and assured frend,



Holyroodhous, 10 Nouember 1638.

For my assured good frend, the Laird of Poke Maxwell.

ROBERT FIRST EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR JOHNE MAXWELL of Pollok,
29th November 1638.

265. Louing cusin, I am cum home, and if the asemble war nocht at Glasgow, I did intend to haue beene with yow shortle, but now till it disolue I haue na mynd to sie yow. I am very glad yow haue caried busnes conserning the couenant, as I heer yow haue done. I besich yow maik offer of your seruice, or any conserns me, to my Lord Marquese, and if yow can bee stedable in any thing, be redde to it. In what conserns mee in these partis, yow will tak such cours as yow think good, till I sie yow. So I hartale rest,

Your louing cusin,

Carlauerocke, Nouember the 29the 1638.

To my louing cusin, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Pollocke.

LADY LUCIE HAMILTON, Sister to James second Earl of Abercorne, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 6th February 1639.

266. Honorabell and loweing frind, I howp ye woll pardown my long seillans; for I dowt not bot ye hawe hard what eaws of mellancolie I hawe had sins my coming to this contrie. What with my Lord my brother's being so dangoursly seik, who was gewen ofowr for dath be all that ded si hem, and laykways his sonne George, the which trewly, deir cowsing, hes allmost broken my haertt, and hes maed me haue bot small joy of this contrie as yett. Bot I howp owr owld Skots prowerb shall prwe trew, which is, that all hard begenings is good. As for news, ther is nothing talked of heir bot only owr Skots covinentours and ther prosidings, which trewly I am sory from my hartt to heir of; for I feir it shall twrn to ther own rowin in the end. For it is confidently reported heir that the King is resolwed to mak his own partie good with them be the strong hand, seing no other thing can mak them contentt. So being loth to trubell you anay farther, bot my inteir lowe and serwis ewer being remembred to yow, howping ye will lat me heir from yowe, I rest,

Yowr most lowing cowsing till death,

Castallbaer, 6 of Februar 1639.

My sister Marione is heir, and remembers hir lowe and serwis to yowe.

For the right honorabill my most worthy frind, Sir John Maxwall of Nether Polloge,—Thes.

SIR WILLIAM CUNINGHAME of Caprintown to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 30th April 1639.

267. Sir, I have sein zour lettre and this charge given from George Huchesowne, quhairof I am sorie. He is onlie vnpeyitt of the last terme of Mertimes rent,

quhilk, as I have written to him, salbe sent to him aines in the nixt weik, albeitt I find money can not be had at this tyme from any that is debtfull to me. As to thois thrie termes anuelrent of Alexander Dunlop's moneyis ze wrytte of, ze will find eftir just reknoncing to be bot twa, and albeitt ze had borne that mekle for him that is zour vncle alsweill as myne, it will be no gritt mater considdering that I beir the wholle sowme, and besyds must, for the most pairt, mantein him in his age and seiknes. Bot I thocht guid by thes to signifie to zow that I have peyett all that money to him; I meane thois tua termes anuelrent, and als muche of my awin this last zeir; by and attour any thinge wes dew to him. All quhilk remitteing to zour consideratioun, I remaine,

Zours loveing cwsigne,

W. Caprintown.

Caprintown, last Aprylle 1639.

To the richt honorabill my loveing eame, the Laird of Nethir Pollok,—These.

Robert first Earl of Nithisdaill to Sir Johne Maxuell of Pollok, 17th November 1639.

268. Loving cousing, I haue heere sent to yow as wee concluditt at our pairting. I fynde much more difficultie in rayseing of moneyis for the safetie of my estate from Buckclewch then I did expect when I was with yow. Soe as iff yow will be pleased, amongst the many expressions of your former kindness—the tearme of my payment being a litle efter Candlemesse—to allow that this year's rent may be vplifted about that tyme efter the former two which I expect presently, and all three for one most pressing vse, namely, the releaffe of that comprisement, the town of Edinburgh's annuelrents being first deduced. Yow will thairby be the meanes of saveing me from that imminent ruine which for the present my estate is exposed vnto in a more fearfull maner nor euer itt was since I was maister of itt. The first poynt, in my opinion, which I think wer cleared betuixt yow and me is, that ane accompt and reekonyng be maid of what I am addebted vnto yow; which, in effect, must be remitted to your self, since I can finde noe kinde of wryts can give any instruction at all. This

being done, yow must mak a computation how many years rent of that land can give yow satisfaction; dureing which tyme I shal be most willing yow intromett with the rentis of these lands (the towne of Edinburgh's annuels being tearmely payed, as yow know we concludit), vntill yow be compleatly payed. I have likewise given order that yow may haue the present vse of my housse of the Mearns, with the Litle Maynes, medowis, and housses belonging thereto. And by reason the obligations of bloode and love betuixt ws is greatter then should admitt any penalties or sowmes of money for redelyvering of the said housse, maynes, etc., at what time I shall vse of itt or call for itt, I haue only sent a note to yow heirwithall, which yow will be pleased to sett your hand vnto. Wisheing nothing more then I may haue the occasion to lett yow see how sensible I am of your former kindnesse, which shall still be acquited with the best affection of,

Your loving cousing,

NITHISDAILL.

Carlaverok, the 17 of November 1639.

To my louing cusin, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Pollok.

The SAME to the SAME, 20th November 1639.

269. Louing Cusin, I haue sent my brother and Conhaith so sone as I gatt aduertisment from Edinborghe. I haue apoynted they settle all matters before thaye cum aueye. As I said in my former letter, draw up the iust accompt uhat I am adebted to yow. Yow sall haue the rentis of that land of Mernis til yow be fullie satisfied, the annual of the toun of Edinborghe beeing first peyed, uhich a priuat note under your hand sal serue to mee. I know yow uish the standing of my house, and hops I will fynd such fauore as my respectis to yow sall deserue. So I rest,

Your louing cusin,

NITHISDAILL.

Carlauerock, Nouember the 20, 1639.

To my louing cusin, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Pollok, Knyght.

JAMES SECOND EARL OF ABERCORNE to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 27th November 1639.

270. Right worshipfulle and loving coosing, I should be asshaimed nou to wryt, aftir so long silenc and the rescat of so manie lettirs wnansuerid, if I war not confident, and that I had sufficient proves, that your affectioun is such to me that you will not mak anie misconstruction thairof, or think that it does prosid from neglect or want of kyndnes, which I protest shall never be in me to you; bot that you will tak it treulie, as it is, for wnsertantie at the first what to wryt, and hou my lettirs wold be delyverid; and ever sinc of the wncertantie of my resolutions, sumtyms of cuming hom myself, and other tyms of sending hom; for besydes the resolutioun I one had in the spring of cuming hom, I was resolved to hav cum hom at this tym my self verie shortlie, if this parlament had endid as we onc hoped heir it should have done. Bot sinc maters thair be apearanc will not be sattelid so soun as was expectid, which kipes all partieulars heir in suspenc which conserns that contrie, I have resolved to wait till such tym as I may get thos things done heir, as may help the satteling of my affairs at hom, and without which you kno they will never be gottin weill sattelid; and therfor I hop my frindes will excus my not homcuming at this taym, and I am confident that you will continou your accustomed cair and love of me which you have given sueh evident testimonis of, both nou and at other tyms, in my absenc, which I shall never be wnmyndfull of so long as I have lyf; and that by your assistanc and advys I may not sustinc preiugis in anie thing that may conserne me till I have the happines to si you, at what tym I hop to giu you mor reall thankes then I can expres be wryt. As for your thri lettirs which you have wretin to me at the intreatie of frindes, for the kirk of Kurmannok, I can give you no other ansuer bot what I most mak to manie mor of the lyk kynd, both for that kirk and others, which is, that ever sinc the begining that thes kirks war vaking, the King hes commandid me not to present to anie of thainn, which he hes severall tyms rencued, with assuranc that may delaying thairof should be nouay preiudiciall to may patrounag. And within thir feu days, when I did ask leive of his Maiestie to present to thaim,

and did represent to him that the sax monthes wold expyr from the generall assemblie at Edinbruch, befor the parlament was to sit doun again, and so the presbitris wold put in men in thes pleasis, whieh I was wnuilling should be, in respeet they war whair my aune landes did lay, and whair my residene was to be when I was at hom, he did ask me if I wold not trust to the assuraneis whieh he had so oftin given me, and then did reneu his formar dereetiouns, with verie great assuraneis that he should never permit anie to stay in those pleasis bot whom I should heirafter present to thaim, whieh eommandes I ean not bot obay. And for your last lettir eonserning your ministars being transportid, and your desyr to have ane presentation to his pleas, tho' for the present you si I ean doe nothing thairin, and that I am wnuilling to ingag myself for pleasis befor thay doe waik, yet I will assur you, sine I kno it does so mueh eonserne you, that so soun as his Maiestie is pleasid to permit me to present to anie kirks, and that yours be vaking, I shall present non thairto bot whom you shall desyr, and what you have wretin shall be ane suffieient bar to all other requistes, and serve for ane ansuer to thaim. Bot Mr. Heu will doe weill to be advysid befor he remove; for I wold be loth to eounsall any of my frindes to remov at this taym from ane pleae whair thay ar weill sattelid, to ane other, tho' it war bettir, whair thay most be admittid be the presbitrie, least thairafter they may find the proverb treu, bettir ane foull in hand then tou fleiing. Bot I am wnuilling to wryt so mueh to him self, tho', if you think expedient, you may let him kno it. As for the generall busines heir eonserning our eontrie, they ar earied verie eloslie of leat by ane privat eommitti for that affeet. But I doe belive they will depend mueh wpon your resolutiouns thair, whieh I pray God may be good, and for the weill and setteling of that pour eontrie, and that you wold be eontent with what his Maiestie is so gratiuslie and frilie pleasid to grant for the peas thairof, whieh I am shour is mor then ever was expeetid or hoped for in the begining. Bot if you doe otheruays, I fear it shall bring maters to ane wors poynt then ever they war at, whieh, aftir so great hopes of satteling, ean not bot be great greif to all honest hartes that loves thair eontrie, and to non mor then to

Your most affeetionat eoosing to serve you,

ABERCORNE.

London, the 27 of November 1639.

ROBERT FIRST EARL OF NITHSDAILL to his brother, JAMES MAXWELL of Springkell, 16th Decemher 1639.

271. Louing brother, . . . Anc misehanee eommunly eummeth noeht alone ; for now the seeknese of my cusin Polloek is hauie neuse, uhemto I prey God gra[n]t long lyfe ; for I know noeht uher I mey with confidenee say I haue sueh ane other freend. That desies is painfull, bot I hope in God it is noeht soe dengerus uhen the feuer is passed ; for yow know our mother had it, and my sister, my Ladie Herreis, haith it. I prey aduyse him, if thare be none sent alradie, to send for Doetor Ernot his aduyse ; for they uhieh ar [subj]ect to that desies, it falleth onee in tuo or thre to tham. And least the medling in busines [should] disturb him, only settle the proportion of the an[nuel] rentis, and lett him haue the possession of the hous and mains, and bryng in uhat wretis hee wold haue my hand toe, I sal subscryue thame, be in tham uhat will. And after Chrystinmese, yow sall returne baek agane with tham to him. Then may yow taek tyme to settle ether particuleris. Wold to God it ware in my pouer to doe any thing myght athir please him or aequeyt that kyndnese I owght to him, it sheuld be quikly done by

Your lowing brother,

NITHISDAILL.

Carlaueroek, Desember the xvi 1639.

I did resaue a letter from Mr. William Maxuell eonserning the course to be tene with Bukcleughis tutors for the apprysing. I prey speek with him agene, and lett mee haue the forme in partieuler, uhat premonition I sheuld macke ; for the apprysing is at Blakbarrenries instanee. Thar ean be nothing done in unfortunat Midlibie his bussinese til yow eum home. The sadlis, aquauytie and boots are eum home. They are a lytle short in the foote. The harring ar sent for. If yow eum nocht in presentlie, yow must lett mee know how the kie of Dinwoddie's eharter ehist may be had. And yow must eause bye stirep latheris and irins, for tharis none in Cairleell. Sie the irinis be big aneugh ; and by girthing, for thare is none.

[To my] louing brother, [James Maxwell] of Springkell, Pollock.

ROBERT FIRST EARL OF NITHSDAILL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
16th December 1639.

272. Louing cusin, my brother, as he sent mee word of your seeknese, did show mee yow are in the mending hand, otherueyis I sheuld haue accounted the nowse moist wnfortunat to mee. Seeknese is hauie, yat sie incident to mankyne, as I think thar is verie few uhich taist nocht of it sumtyme or other. The onlie denger in a deseese is uhen the caus uhich procureth it is bot gessed at by the doctoors tham selfis. Bot in this cace, uher the desies is knoune and verie ordinar, I hope in God the denger sal be past long or this, as I heere it is the rose. My mother liued til fourscore and aught, and was subiect to it. My sister, my Ladie Herreis, haith it lykueyis, and lyfe lyke, and a good deal aboue threscore: sie I besech yow tack good curadge, and I hope in God we sal haue mirric and good deyis togither. And least the thinking of busines myght truble yow, I haue cummandet my brother to giue possession of the castle and mains to yow, and uhatsoeuer wretis yow sal desyer to haue my hand to, send tham in with him to mee, and they sal be sent to yow subscryuit without questioning any doobt conserning tham. For as God iudgis mee, your ounc persone and your lyfe sal be prefcrred before al the lands I haue in that cuntrie be mee. Send mee bot word you are in good health, and noc bad neuse can cum from the west to mee, uhich I sal alueyis uhich, as beefittcth him whoe, whylst hee liueth, sal account him selfe,

Your obliged and moist respectiue cusin,

NITHISDAILL.

Carlaueroke, Desember the 16th, 1639.

To my much honoured and louing cusin,
Johne Maxuell of Nather-Pollok, Knyght and Baronet.

JAMES MASTER OF MAXWELL to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
19th February 1640.

273. Richt worschipfull sir, sence my comeing to this contrie I have bein so bussied,

especiallie in making reddie ffor this consignation, that till now I cowld never convenientlie motion anie thing concerning this bessines in that contrie. My Lord had send for Jhone Maxvell the Advocat, quha brocht home vith him the advyse of the best counsell att Edinburgh concerning the ordour off redemption, conforme to quhilk, my Lord cawsit consing att the Kirk off Carlavcrok fyftie sevin thowsand markis and odis numerat, be fowre or fyve of the settis thame selfis (quha came to se that the consignation vas reall). Thairefter Jhone, as procuratour for my, maid offer of the monie, wpon a sufficient discharge and renunciation, quhilk in respect thai had nocht, he tcwk instrumentis of this consignation, conform to ane accompt and clame maid be thame, and thairefter consignit the haill monie in Jhone Maxwellis handis of Bromholme, to be furthcomeing to the Errllis Bucclewch or Blakborrone thair vsses. And concerning that besines this was all. As concerning my Lord him self, his Lordship is in good helth, prasit be God; and as I conjecturit att my being with yow, so I heir it was. And for new occurrenttis, thair is none bot quhilk yow heir sonner then we. Will Allane came this way home, quha tawld that he mett the Thesawrer and the Commissioneris att Newvark vpon Trent. We have hard nothing sence, bott hoips that all salbe weill. Thay go abowt to thruch this band of relief: quhat it will draw to is vncerten. This being all I can wrytt for the present, wisching all happines to yow and your ladie, I hartlie tak my leif.

Your werie affectionatt cousing and servitour,

J. Mr. Maxvell.

Caerlaverok Castell, Februarie the 19, 1640 yeiris.

My Lord hes heirvith sent ane pover and Commission to yow for giving dischargis for the remanent of the rentis restin vn liftit vp be me, quhilk I hoip your worschip wilbe cairfull off, and caws the officer pund, gif thai pay nocht thankfullie, for now the tyme is come.

To his worschipfull cousing, Sir Jhone Maxvell of Nether Pollok,
Knyght and Barronett.

ROBERT FIRST EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR JOHNE MAXUELL of Pollok, 24th February 1640.

274. Louing cusin, I haue heere sent a power to taik up the bypast rentis. I desyer if thare bee good seke, canaree or malgoe, cum in to Glasgow, to bye ane but of it for mee, and cause draw it out in rubburs for four horse to carie, and sie many horse of the Merins bring it to Crafurdjone Kirk; and I sal haue horse thare to resaue the sam, uhat dey yow giue mee notise; and yow must cause Adam More cum with it, that it be nocht drank out be the weye.

This band of reliefe goeth on in this cuntrie, bot very few or none as yeet hath agreed to it: uhat wil becum of it I know noet. Tharis nothing talked of bot peece; for they haue left of to fortafie Cairlell. Uhat the Commissioners haue done wee know nocht yeet. God gra[n]t al may end weall! Soe I hertale remain,

Your affectionat cusin,
NITHISDAILL.

[In another hand,]
"This letter wes resauet the xxvij Fabruarij at night."

Carlauerock, Februarij the 24, 1640.

To my louing cusin, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Polloek,
Knyght and Baronet.

ANNA CUNNYNGHAME, MARCHIONESS OF HAMILTON, to her nephew, JOHN MAXWELL, son of the Laird of Calderwood, 10th March [c. 1640.]

275. Louing nepheue, I haue this nicht reseued ane lettir from Poik, desayring me to wreit to soum of my frindis thair for fordiring his beisines in the exchaeher. Bot I haue wreittin to him that I heue send in my mynd with zou, and ze kno it was this, his caus is so iuist that I sal neuir weich anay of my frindis to crois him, altho he neuir end weith zou; for in so douing I wold wrong them:

thairfoir ze sal speik to anay that he desayris zou. He geiuis me greit asuirensis that so souine as he is sattilit in his layf rent, he wil eom hom and end weith zou, and sayis ze ar al maist greit in partieouleris. This is far diffirend from zour resoloution this day with me; and this genttilman that broeht me the lettir asouris me he hes neuir a mining bot to end with zou. Bot I haue writtin werie freily to him that the eonditionis ar se hard that I dar not be ane eounseler of zou to end with him, and hes desayrit him to aduays him selue on the best of it. For I asuired him that ze will nou be pout to ane pouint, for ze find zour selue to far preiuged alrady be delayis. So aduos zou with zour best frindis quhat ze think meit to dou, and leiue no longer in souspenees. So I rest,

Zour louing ant,
Anna Cunnynghame.

Hamiltoune, x of Marche.

To my louing nephene, Johne Maxual, soune to the Laird of Caldirnoid.

Robert first Earl of Nithsdale to Sir John Maxwell of Pollock, 9th September 1641.

276. Loning eusin, what I haue done in thir last trubils, I obserued the King's partieuler direetione, uhieh I did consaue to be warrand suffieient. Matters are now turned by uhat I looked for, sie as I sears knou uhat sal be the euent. Heere I lye, eummandit be the King to eum hither; for ought I sie it may be long aneugh, and am badlie prouydit. I haue sent this bearer to you, hearing that the Duek of Riehmont intendeth to put that ryght uhieh he haith of that barronie, intoe Brumhil's hands. As I am informed, his Lordship is willing to giue a proportion of uhat is due doun, so he may haue the rest; uhieh I haue desired the bearer to trye: and, before any other sheuld haue entrest thare, I desyer ernestlie yow will strane your eredit for his satisfaetion; and the ryght I am content, sal be tra[n]sferred in your persone. Tharis lykueyis ane infeftment uhieh the Earle of Abereorne haith, uhieh is all satisfied and peyed. I haue desyered the bearer lykueyis, a diseharge may be drauin up and presented to my Lord, uhoe, I dout nocht, will willingly syng the sam. The eaee I stand

intoe will be shone to yow be the bearer. I knoe yow will liue nothing behind uhieh yow may doe. I liue compliments, and sal euer be reddie to giue proufe of,

Your affectionat cusin,

NITHISDAILL.

I prey yow, remember mee hartalie to your wyfe.

Berwick, September the 9the 1641.

To my much honored cusin and approued freend, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nather Pollock, Knyght and Baronet.

J[OHN] MAXWELL, Edinburgh, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 17th May 1643.

277. . . . Furder nor I laithe wrett is, that the Counsell, be one or two voyeis at most, browght in the commissioneris for conservatioun of the peiee, and the commoun bwrdenis to voyce with the Counsell anent the neeessitie of conventioun of the estaittis, whieh all thrie beeing convenit and voycing, is past; the conventioun to be at Edinburgh the xx of Junii nixt. Great oppositioun wes against it, as not warrantit be the King and Actis of Parliament, yit prevaillit, and proelamatioun maid by trumpet at Edinburgh for that end, in all these thrie jwdieatories' names. It is fearit my Lord Newcastell, beeing fyfteine thowsand foott and fyve thowsand horse, if he find ws begin leveyes on his bak, turne his faice and cum to Tweid befoir ue ean ryis; and is suspectit the one halfe of the cuntrie will joyne with him to hinder the rest to ryis, which God avert and hinder his projectis; for it is thowght post went alssoune to him as to the King and Parliament of the Counsellis eonelusiouns; for it is spokin that he hes no enemie bott Leidis, quhilk he hes blokit wpe. At the eonventioun we heir armies ar to be leveyct for defence of the Parliament and religioun, quhilk is lyklie to swffer be ws on the dependancie thairof, and of our jelowsies of Ireland. It is thought, conclud quhat will, the cuntrie will not ryis for such a gud aetioun, quhairof I am sorie. God maik better, for the storme is fearfull. And we expeet that, be a warrant of the conventioun of estaittis, the Irish armie sall be recallit hither; which if so be, all the Seottish

thair will lykwyes eum, heving no vther sheltir ; and this is thought maye be bwrdensum to this kingdome in mantening of xx thowsand men that will eum affe and follow that armie. Mortoun, Roxbrwgh, Lanerk, Kinnowle, Carnwathe, Mawld, Haye, Levingstoun, and a number of all our Seottish ar eum ; Mr. Maxwell daylie expeetit. For our euntrie men ar in great fear, and detest thair alledging we war the awthouris of all thair blood, which they ar onlie thameselffis. Thus far for the present. Fair well.

Your humbill servand,

J. Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 17 May 1643.

To the right honorabill my loving cheiffe, Sir Johnn Maxwell of Pollok, Knyght and Baronett.

Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 3d and 4th July 1643.

278. Ryeht honorable cheiffe, your eause wes ressounet in presenee of the haill Lordis vpon that poynt, whither the ten thowsand pund, dew to your honouris douehter, should be esteimet debt, quhairin the Lordis fand so great diffieultie, that they supersedit to geive ansuer. I haive been learning this day from tua three of them, what the Lordis did inelyne to ; and treulie, gif the matter that day had gone to voyeeing, yow had cariet it. This wes signifiet to me be on of the prymest ; and treulie it hes not been vrget since.

I wold hayve writtin oftiner, tuieheing newes, bot because their is sik hold laid vpon missive lettres now in thir tymes, that treulie I am loathe to wryt at all. Killieling, my Lordis serveand, eftir examination, is releiset vpon eaution, but Broomholme remaynes still in waird. As for my Lord Nithisdaill, their is na word at all quhair he is, or quhat he myndis to doe. The dayes of his compeirenee ar rynning on. Their ar surmeises of many vietories obtenit be the King, and some affirmes it of the Parliament, bot no eertaintie. Everie on speikes as he affeetis, bot the most report holdis for the Kinge, that he hes the bettir. Their ar ineursiones maid vpon our shippes and boattis daylie heir by pyrottis, to whiehe the Counsell myndis to provyd remeid. The sex noblemen ar referret to a eommitte, quhilk is bot as yeit to entir vpon the tryell of them.

Traquair wes befoir them, bot, as I heir, he hes removet himselff without leive. Quhat they will doe nixt, tuicheing him, is not as yeit knawin.

Haveing occasion, by my awin serveand, who came eist withe my wyffe, I haive rememberit heirby my love and serveice to your honour, and resolves thairin to remayne,

Zour honouris awin to serve yow,

Mr. Williame Maxuell.

Edinburgh, 3 Julij 1643.

I am informet that yow mynd to infeft yourselff in the barounrie of Mernes, holden of the King, vpon the haill severall procuratories, bothe for the ryeht of the toun of Edinburghis annuelrent, and for the Duikis wodsett; and for the landis, be the Erles procuratorie, as assigny thairto; quhilk, treulie, is suffieient for the Duikis wodset, beeause it wes publik, and for the landis, beeause the Erle wes the Kingis immediat vassall. Bot for the toun of Edinburghis annuelrent, sinee it held of the Erle, I eannot sie how any infeftment the King ean geive ean esteiblishe the propirtie and ryeht of the annualrent in your honouris person. Alwayes I doubt not bot yow ar weill aneuehe advyset be these who ar bettir informet of the eaice of these secuirities then I; howsoevir, for exoneration of my deutie, I eould not omitt to signifie to your honour so muehe, to the effeet that yow mycht sie that your seeuiritie myeht proceid vpon warrantable groundis alsweill sensible to your selff as to vtheris, in a mater of so great importanee.

Tewsday, 4 Julii.

This morneing their is a great report that the King hes rowtet Essix, and the Erle of Neweastell hes ehasset Hothome and Fairfax in to Hull. It is reportet for certaintie, bot tyme tryes the treuthe of reportis.

Wee heir the Erle of Roxburghis ladie is deeeist. He and the rest of the noblemen wer befoir the eonservatoris of peaee yeistirday, who hes refuiset to admitt advoeattis, viva voee, bot onlie be wrytis. Their is a great heit liklie to aryse. The Lord calme all thir troubles!

Cancell this lettre efter reiding.

To my honorable eheiffe, Sir Johne Maxuell of Nethir Pollok, Knyeht.

ROBERT SECOND EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, Edinburgh, 12th December 1648.

279. Cousin, I resolued still to haue sent some of my freinds west anent that particular betwixt you and me; but Mr. William, your uncle, being hindered by his wife's seeknes, nether my freindes could goe without him, nor could they be informed of the condition of it without them. Bonie Jhon desired to be sent, but I would not haue hime goe. I resolue to close with you, God willing, betwixt and the next terme. I could not but acquaint you, that I haue intrusted the managing of my affaires to some of my freindes and others in whom I confide to be oversceres ouer them, among whom I haue named you as one of the principall. I would intreat you would subscriue and accept of the same, seeing it can not be preiudiciall to you, but a little pains once a year. As for the discharge you sent, I haue considered the same, and did aime at any such thing as you supposed in that point. Soe expecting to see you in the time of Parliament, wher I shall communicat bussines more particularly, I rests,

Your most affectionat cousin and seruant,

R. NITHISDAILL.

Edinburgh, 12 December 1648.

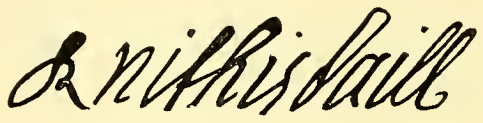
For my honoured cousin, Sir Gordge Maxwell of Neather Polloke.

ROBERT SECOND EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 13th May 1650.

280. Honored cousin, I receaued youres, and am now alyke sorie with you in that I followed the unhappie aduiise of sume of my freindes, who unaduisedly, without your uncle's knowledge or my Lord of Wintone's, hath induced me to pute my hand to ane minute with Preston for ane hunderd and four thousand pound. I resent your letter uery much, and assures you, that out of the roll of my best freindes you shall neuer be deleit; and, for your respect, I will indeauour to my uttermost to be reponed, if possible, against that minut, and

to make use of other landes, that I may reserue thes wherein you haue intres, that my relation, not only as your eheefe, but as superiour, may still remain, so being you eoneure with me; for whieh I should wish that I had oeeasione to speake with you without delay. So rest your

Affeetionat eousin and seruant,



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For my honored eousin, Sir Georg Maxwell.

SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok to JAMES second EARL OF ABERCORNE, 13th January 1651.

281. My noble Lord, I must presume in favoris of this gentlewoman, my grandfatheris wyffe. Shee is to remove from these partes. I did engage my selfe for a eertaine sowme to pay to her, and it hes weell neer, as tymes goe now, spent my power to disengage my selfe. Ther was something indebted to ereditoris, and what stipend was aughtand by your Lordship of the yeer 1648, was sett apairt to pay som ereditoris: and shee, for som reasonis moveing her, hes payed to som of them, out of her own money, foure seoir six pound halfe a marke. Shee now standes exeeedingly in need it should be repayed; so I entreate your Lordship may either pay it out of the first end of the five hundreth markes addebted by your Lordship's band to me, or eommand Allan Wallaee to pay it out of the first end of the stipend whieh doth now belong to me. I must also beg pardon to trouble your Lordship with the lyk triffle, that shee may have three seoir five pound ten shilling farder, produeeing diseharges from one Agnas Boyd and Bessie Finlay, two ereditoris, that they ar payed by her in my name of the said sowme. I am loathe to trouble your Lordship in this, but I am necessitat to doe it at this tyme, and it shall mueh oblige me,

Your Lordship's reall servant,

S. G. NEATHER POLLOK.

January 13, 1651.

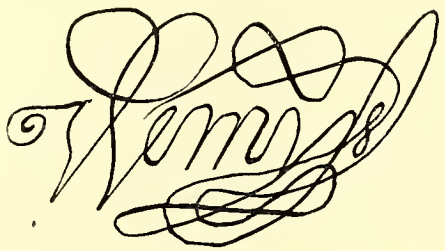
As for the rest that will be dew, I will not trouble your Lordship till a mor opportune tyme: only I must earnestly beg that this litle sowme may be satisfied, and tak her discharge for the moneyes, and the discharges of the creditoris till wee compte. In thir tymes I presume not to seall your Lordship's letter, and the rather the bussienes concerning the bearer.

For my noble Lord, my lord Earle of Abercorne.

David second Earl of Wemyss to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, and remanent Parishioners of the Kirk of Mearnes,
20th September 1652.

282. Right worshipfull and worthie gentlmen, in returne of yours the iith of this, in calling my servand, Mr. John Burnet, to be minister of your kirk of Mearns, I doe confess it does trouble me very much; for he is one of the preciousest young men that ever was in my family in that charge. The trewth is, I am very much frustrat of my resolutione: for in thir sad tymes it was no small comfort to me to hawe him in my company. Bot it hes seim'd good to the Lord, this long tyme, to hold me vnder the rod; and I trust in his mercie he will grant me swbmissione to whatsomevir it pleases him to hold furth for me. And in this particullar, I reverence this your vnanimous call, secondit by your presbitrie, which looks to me as flowing from the right wellspring. I will add no more, but what is incumbent for me to doe for your satisfactiounes shall not be neglectted by,

Your most affectionat freind and servand,



Wemyss, 20 September 1652.

For the right worshipfull and much respectted freinds, Sir Georg Maxwell of Poollock, and remenand parishoners of the kirk of Mearnes.

ELIZABETH BEAUMONT, Countess of Nithisdaill, to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 16th February 1654.

283. Sir, sinee I ean not haue the happienes to sie yow in this eontrie, I must importune yow by letters, as one in whose wosdome and affeetion to my selff and my son I remane most eonfident. My Lord, my husband, hade a taek of the teenths off the chureh off Trequere in Galloway from the Colledge off Glasgo, whereoff theie be as yet som yeares standing: and now, as I ame informed, Mr. John Blakater, present minister off the sayd ehureh, is putting in to haue the sayd teenth in his oune hande. Wherefore, I shall earnestly intreat, as yow wish the goode off my son, yow will stop his proeeedings heere in, sinee my sone is now for many yeares by past in possession, and willing to eontinue in paye for the sayd teenths as his predeeessors hath been; and if any things els shall be requisit, hee shall submitt to yow therein. Thus, not doubting off youre goodewill, I rest as euer,

Sir, youre faithffull freende to serue yow,

This 16 off February 1654.

For my verie worthie freende, Sir George Maxwell off Polloek, Edinbrogh.

G. MAXWELL to his brother, HEW MAXWELL, Student, Glasgow College, 4th Mareh 1654.

284. Loving and kynd brother, I reeeaved yors, whieh wes direct to my mother, wherin yow desyred that I should wryt and aequaint yow what wes done in my bussines. I told yow befor that I wes deeerned to pay 5 pund sterling of fyne; bot sensyne I gave in ane bill and meined myself to them, showing that I wes not hable to pay the said fyne, in reguaird my freinds had rejeetit me,

and would not owine me in a groat, so that I wes daylie wnder expeetatioune of starving. So they have remittit the said mulet of 5 lib. sterling, whieh is mor nor about ane fourt night sinee; and hes still remained in prissone for want of silver to pay my jaylor fies, whieh will amount to mor nor 30 pund Seotis. For thair is not ane day that I have remained heir bot I will be foreed to pay tenpenee a day, half a merk for the house, and 40 pennyes for my bedd. Onlie I am sorie and greived from my heart that ever sueh ane faet should have bein eommittit be me, and that ever I should have had this oceasione of wryting to yow. Thes ar, therfor, brother, to desyr yow that yow would speik the Laird eoneerning quhat I have wrytine to yow, and desyr him to send me 36 pund to pay may jaylor fies; for it is mor nor aught weeks sinee I eam heir, neither will any of my freinds heir pay the moneyes for me. And if they let me remaine heir any longer, the jaylor fies and dewes of the house will eome to mor nor double the 36 lib. This is all I have to wryt to yow for the present; only hooping this yee will doe, I commit yow to the proteetione of the Almightie, and restis,

Your loving brother,

G. Maxuelle.

From Edinburgh, 4th Mareh 1654.

For my loving and kynd brother, Hew Maxwell,
Student in the Colledge of Glasgow,—Thess.

Robert second Earl of Nithisdaill to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 10th February 1657.

285. Cousin, I am sensible of your paines about my affaires tueling the Langholme. I know how preiedueiall it may be to your oun affaires, which ar inuolued with your last purehesse of the Mearnes; but for your ineouradgment, I doe faithfully promise to you that I shall take bake from you againe two thousand pund of the rent of that land, at the same rate you bought it, whieh was twenty years' purehas, whieh may be a releefe to you of your burthens. I know you will be satisfied that it be of that neerest the mansion house, with

the mansion house it self, if I please it, on reasonable termes. Only, I will expect that you will not leaue me till you draw this bussines you haue begune to a close, whereby I may be mad capable to perform my promis; and as for other rewards, you may be confidend, as my fortune betters, you shall expect a faithfull aeknoledgment, as deserues,

Your affeetionat eousin and seruant,

R. NITHISDAILL.

Edinburgh, 10 February 1657.

For my much honored eousin, Sir Georg Maxwell.

ROBERT SECOND EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 14th March 1657.

286. Cousin, sinee the famely of Bueeleugh haue appointed the twenty day of this month for ther furst meeting, I shall desire you would not feall to be heer at that time, and likewise prepared with thos papers your unele writes for, to whose letter I remite the partieulars. Soe, presenting my seruiee to your lady, I rest your

Affeetionat eousin and seruant,

R. NITHISDAILL.

Edinburgh, 14 March 1657.

For my mueh honored eousin, Sir Georg Maxwell.

[Memorandum by Sir George Maxwell,]

"Delivered Sabbath 22 Mareh (57) by William Carlill, my Lord's servant."

MR. WILLIAM MAXWELL, Advoeate, Edinburgh, to his nephew, SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 14th Mareh 1657.

287. Honorabill nephew, as my Lord hes wreattne, so I second, to show yow that the twentie or twentie one dayes of Mareh instant is appoynted for the first

meitting betuixt my Lord and the Countess of Bueeleuehe's freindis att Edinburgh; and therefor yow may not faill to address yourself heir vpone Thursday or Fryday the next week, the nynteen or twentie dayes off Mareh instant, quher my Lord and I sall attend yow. All that yow will have to doe is to reeeive their eharge, and to appoynt a seeond dyet to answer to it; so that your stey heir neidis not to be above 48 houris. Wee dowbt not bot yow have gone throw all your eharter ehist, and all the missive lettres therin, that yow may bring with yow all yow find that eoneernes Bueeleueh, and speeiallie that lettre vnder my Lord Abereorne's hand for eleiring of the 1500 pund wodset. For that artiele of thair eharg foundit vpon that wodset, in the yeir 1616, is the maine artiele quherwith they intend to burding my Lord to exhaust the maillis and dwetyes. Therefor yow most not faill to keep the day; for they intend to tak instrumentis against my Lord, therby to mak voyd the eompt and reekoneing in my Lordis default. I sall be goeing throw the eharter ehist, God willing, so that ther sall not be ane paper in my ehamber bot it salbe reviewed. I have no mor to say for the present, bot my Lord and I sall attend yow, God willing, att the dyot. So with my best respeetis to yow and your lady,

I rest your loveing vnele to serve yow,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Edinburgh, 14 Mareh 1657.

For my honnorabill nephew, Sir George Maxwell of Nether Polloek.

[Memorandum by Sir George Maxwell,]
"Delivered 22 Mareh (57) by William Carlill, servitor to my Lord Nidisdaill."

Mr. William Maxwell, Advoeate, Edinburgh, to his nephew, Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 15th May 1657.

288. Honorable nephew, I reeeivet youris, and my Lord is so sensible off your respeetes and kyndnes in this so important a mater that eoneernes no lesse then the standing and falling of his familie, that treulie, nephew, I neid not to expresse; for I am eonfident that heirefter my Lord will reallie expresse the same. Wee haive doone quhat wes possible in tryell of the rentall and publik

burdenis, whiehe at meiting shall be eommunieatt. Wee ar to meitt yow at Edinburgh vpon Fryday nixt, God willing, being the 22 of May instant, and shall bring along all our instruetiones withe ws. So leiving further till meiting, and ever, withe my affeetion and love to your selffe and ladie, I rest

Your most humble servand and loveing vnele,

Mr. Williame Maxwell.

Bring with yow that assignation, and quhat vther papers may cleir the bussines of the 1500 lib., and speeially Abereorne's lettre.

Drumfreis, 15 May 1657.

For my honorable and loveing nephew, Sir George Maxwell off Nether Pollok, Knyght.

Elizabeth, Countess of Robert first Earl of Nithisdaill, to Sir George Maxwell of Nether Pollok.

24th May [1657.]

289. Sir, I ought ore this to haue acknowleg'd the many favors you haue put vpon my sonne; he and Mr. William hes beene very bussy. They haue gott many things try'd out, whieh I hope shall dow good when bussines eoms to eount and receoning. My sonne, soe farr as I know, intends to keepe the apointed day in Edinburgh, the 20 of May, wher I wish from my harte you may be present. As you haue beene the eheefe instroment to bring it this lenght, soe I wish your assistanee to a happy eonelution. I hope my sonne will waite vpon the Juges to the Langholme, whieh he hes reson to dow. I intend to be in Edinburgh my self ore long, wher I hope to see you. My desire shall ever be to aeknowlege my thankfullnes as befiteth your most faithfull frend,

E. Nithisdaill.

For my much honored frend, Sir George Maxwell of Neather Polloke.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, to Robert second Earl of Nithisdaill, 19th June 1657.

290. My Lord, your Lordship does remember I did formerly satisfie your Lordship toucheing the neeessitie of my makeing present sale of the baronie of Mearnes, in wholl or in parte, as opportunitie might best offer; beeing that meane without whieh I should not be able to satisfie the duetie I owe to your Lordship's serviee in this tyme of your process against the Countess of Bueleugh toucheing the redemption of Langholme, aeeording to my engagement in the baek band given to your Lordship, of the date at Peebles, the fifth day of September 1656. And I beeing exeeedeingly desyreous to walke in everie step of my transaetionis so as may eonsist with that true eandor and ingenuitie of our first agreement, whieh was that on my parte I should assist your Lordship aeeordeing to my best power in the proseeution of your present suite upon mine owne expenees, or furder to your laweris, as neede wer; and that, for ane recompence heerof, your Lordship wold, besides the expenees, mak up the loss I have or may sustaine by the bargaine of Mearnes as land then sold and now selles, with the interess therof. So that if I wer not gainer I should not be ane loser in dealeing with your Lordship; on whieh termes your Lordship entrusted the disposition of Langholme, I desyre to know whether I shall proeeede to mak the best bargaine I ean in the sale therof, in wholl or in parte, and if your Lordship be heerin satisfied aeeordeing as I have expressed the termes of our agreement. I shall now ad no furder but that I am,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and engaged servant,

S. G. Neather Pollok.

Edinburgh, 19 Junij 1657.

For my most noble Lord, my Lord Erle of Nithisdaill.

ROBERT SECOND EARL OF NITHISDAILL to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 19th June 1657, [annexed to the preceding letter.]

291. Cousin, you haue expressed our agreement trewly, to which I agree fully, as if it wer expressed in the back band forsaid; and doe put that confidence in your care and ingenuctie that you will in the sale make the best bargaine you cane, that ther may be the lesse burden upon me. This is all at present from your affectionat cousin and seruant,

R. NITHISDAILL.

Edinburgh, 19 June 1657.

JAMES SECOND EARL OF ABERCORNE to ROBERT SECOND EARL OF NITHSDAILL.

London, the 27 of September 1657.

292. My Lord, I must begg your Lordship's pardoune for having bein so long in ansuering your Lordship's of the 17th July, by resoun I did not reseave it till above a month or six weiks after it had bein wretin, and then my sistirs whairin it was as it self cam both openid to my handes, whairby finding as by severall others that most letters of leait aither to or from me have beine totallie miscaried, or wsed in the layk kaynd, I was wnuilling to adventour anie butt by sum saif hand. And nou I am sorrie that I can not returne that satisfaction to your Lordship's demand as I should willinglie doe if it war in my pour, as it is not. For at the leait Kinges being in Scotland in the yeair 1642, I did then, be the knaulage and aprobation of my Lord your father, by contract betuixt the Douke of Lennox and Richmound and me, make over to his greae that infeftment I had wpon the baronie of Mcairnes, which I belive his greae did at that time asayne againe to the Lord Cochrane, wpon the transactione betuixt thaim conserning thos monis and formar securitis his greae had also wpon thos landes; all which securitis I conseave to have bein repurchased from him by Sir John Maxuall, and thairfor is probabillie in the handes of his sucsessour, Sir George Maxuall, the leait bayare of thos landes from your Lordship. So this is the best acoumpt I can give your Lordship conserning thos securitis, and all

I conseave my self eapable of doeing thairin, being alradie denuded, but onlie to declair, as I heirby doe, that nather my ffather nor my self have ever as yett susteanid anie preiudis by anie ingagmentes he or I was in for your Lordship's father; and if any farther of this natour be found nesessarie for your Lordship's serviee, wpon your seeound eomands it shall be most redelie performed by,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,

ABERCORNE.

For the right honourable the Earle of Nithisdaill.

SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok to WILLIAM NINTH EARL OF GLENCAIRNE, 26th January 1660.

293. My Lord, haveing seriously refleeted on yesterdayes transactions, I eould heartiely have wished that either so useless a persone as my selfe might not have been advertised to have met, or else that things might not have been so hurried with shortness of time, nothing doubting but that through Godis favour (if he hath any delight in us) the free eommunieation one with another might either have taken off the prejudiees and jealousies that have perehance been mutuallie begotten through misinformatione, follies, or impertineneies of persones that may pretend to be either headis or supporteris of parties or factions. Which considerations did much perswade the adjurning of the diet of the meeting to Munday, and might probablie have prevented my single differenee from the rest, whieh, how so insignifieant soever it be, yet should have been to me mueh more afflieting if I did not therin carrie a testimonie in my bosome, not only of singleness to publiek and good endis, but also of personale respeet to your lordship and your familie vpon old and new aceountis. And now, not haveing the opportunitie of meeting with your lordship to speake more fullie then can be writtin, I erave leave, with some freedome and plainness, to give your lordship ane aeeompt of the groundis of the feares of good men and sober, and vpon sueh groundis as would seem not altogether unwarranted and improbable. You will, in the purgeing the judieatures, speciallie

the seseion of men whieh the world eannot deny to be men of pietie, abilitie, and integritie, and fill them with ————, you will vp with the Aet of debitor and ereditor; you will improve the good. Dare you now perswade yourselfe from the parliament and my Lord General Monek as the desert of your appeareanee, fastening vpon otheris (that ean give a very good aeeompt of their noneoneurrenee) sueh aspersions as may render them odious to the present government, and to lay the fundation of perseeution and sufferings to good men, under the notion of faetious and seditious. Some of quhieh designs (if there be anie trueth in the information) are unseasonable, in my poore judgment, and some of them are pernieious and wieked. Nor will I believe that good men, or good patriots, will ever be freinds to sueh eourses, whieh, though they should prove sueeessfull, will neither give mueh mater of feare or triumph to him who shall wiselie observe the transaetions of Provideneee in these late times. But the trueth is, your lordship being the person who, of all that assemblie, may give life or ruine to sueh motions, and vpon quhom, as a ehieff instrument, will be fastened either the honour or blame, or the moderation or violenee of eonsultations, I durst not for my oune parte coneurr in the eommission, unless vpone some belief that not only sueh eourses would not be pleaseing to your lordship, but that you would set your selfe against the same, earefullie avoyding quhatsoever may be to the detriment of godlieness and godly persons, or aipt to foment and beget divisions at sueh a time. It was not without mueh argueing in my oune minde that I have now taken pen; but believ it not without some measure of desired seriousness. And if you judge the mater, so also (alloweing me some information and satisfaetion, which I believe your lordship is more able than any elis to doe,) I shall willingly eoneurr in signeing of the eommission. And if the Lord hath designed your lordship for good offiees in this, quhen your imployment is looked vpon as dangerous both to your selfe and the eause, it shall both be my joy, and ane bond of perpetuating vpon me the obligation of,

My Lord, your lordship's most humble servant.

Pollok, Friday, January 26, 1660.

[Indorsed by Sir George Maxwell: "Coppie of the letter sent to E. Gleneairne."]

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to William ninth Earl of Glencairne, 30th January 1660.

294. My Lord, I was readie to have signed the commission granted to your Lordship by the noblemen and gentlemen of the shire of Renfrew, bearing date the twentie sixth of Januarij last, as it standis, being relative to the instructions of the same date. But the instructions I could not signe, except with a declaration annexed (which, if the shire had been to have met, could better have been done by a new article of the instructions, or by clearing the last article thereof) to this purpose; that no paper or instructions by commissioneris to be direct from the meeting at Edinburgh to the Parliament of England or Lieutenant General Monck, may be by my subscriptione expounded as haveing my consent and approbation till, before dispatch thereof, report be made to the shire, and I heard therein. I ame much hopefull the shire (hade this consideration occurred) would have enclined to the same thoughtis; not only because express knowledge of the transactions that shall be past seeme neccessar in so weightie a matter, but because, since my writting to your Lordship, I ame informed the instructions of other shires to be different from ouris, and it may be, from some otheris contrarie to ouris; wherein yet I ame confident, among sober and well affected Scotishmen, there may be no difference when we shall but studie to understand one another. But I, not knowcing how satisfieing it would be to your Lordship to have any such declaration annexed to my subscription, and without the same not haveing satisfaction in my oune minde, I could not find a better midis then hereby to declare that in the sence of the caution above written, I doe declare my consent to your Lordship's commission and instructions, and hold my name and subscribeing thereunto. Now, the good hand of God direct your meeting, and preserve your Lordship from snares, and bring sound, comfortable result to this poore afflicted countrey.

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant.

Pollok, Munday, 30 Januarij 1660.

Postscript.—At your Lordship's returne I will take occasion of waiting vpon your Lordship, and speake more fullie in particularis.

WILLIAM NINTH EARL OF GLENCAIRNE to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 30th January [1660.]

295. Sir, I am glade yee haue eoneurred in this. I hop in God nothing sall eseape at our meetting, which yee or anie guid man sall neid to disoune, or which sall not be still in order to the good old eause; and I sall, throught the Lord's assistanee, endeavour not to frustrate the guid thoghts yee haue of my selfe, and sall, in everie thing I eane, studie to giue the shyre ane speidie account. I wish all our thoghts, that ar Seottsmen, wer made one, and I sould not mueh doubt bot that might be the forrunninge of a blessing to thir poor nations. I sall say no mor bot that I sall in all integritie eontinou,

Sir,

Your affectionatt freind and servant,

GLENCAIRNE.

Finl[ayston], 30 Januar.

For his honored freinde, Sir George Maxuell of Nather Polloek.

WILLIAM NINTH EARL OF GLENCAIRNE to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 26th February [1660.]

296. Sir, being advertised by my Lord Generall imediatlie to repair to London with the rest of the Comissioners, and it being werie lik wee may goe shortlie, I sall intreat you at this meittinge to advertise the eolleetor to hau the moneys of this shyr in readines against my returne hear, whilk will be in 8 or 10 days; and if neid beis, I wold hau you giue neu advertisments from this meitting to hasten thair payment. I hop in God business sall goe in that way as nather the shyre nor Scotland sall repent this eharge; and if it be in my pouer to serve your self, I assuir you I sall doe it with als mueh friedom as anie yee hau interest in; for besyd your oun worth, my inelinations to deserve your

respect are verie greate, which sall mak me verie ambitious to approve my selfe,

Sir,

Your verie affectionatt freind and servant,

26 Februar.

I hop yee will forgiue this trouble, and my relyance on your favour, and that yee will doe for me (anent) the annuities as for the rest of the shyre.

For the right worshipfull Sir George Maxuell of Naither Pollock.

JOHNE MAXWELL of Southbar, and JAMES STEWART of Caversbank, to JAMES STEWART of Christswell, on the loyalty of Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 1st and 4th December 1660.

297. Loving cusing, being informit that a report gois of sum words spoking by owr cusing, Sir George Maxuell of Nather Pollok, Knycht; words quhich, if thay war treu, deserved hiest censure; saying, that the lait Vsurper Cromwell had as gwid or better rycht to the crowne than Charles Stewart, as I heir it is reportit he said in presence of zow and me, sum sevin or eight zeiris agoe, at Paslay. The trewth is, I judgit myself bownd as a cristiane and ane freind to vindicate his gwid name; and if I war going to deathe, I wold declare that nather than nor thar, nor at ony tyme quhatsumever, did I ever heir him mentiowne ony such words, or ony lyk vnto thame, nor ever mentiounc the Kingis name bot honorablie. And this I thocht gwid to impart vnto zow, that zow also mycht, with me, vindicat the gentilman's credeit. I sall say no mor, bot that I am

Zour awin servand and cusing,

JOHNE MAXWELL of Sowthbar.

Sowthbar, the first of December 1660.

For my much respectit cusing, James Stewart of Chryswell,—Thes.

Loving eoosigne, I being lykwayes informed that the report abouewrittine twiehing the laird of Polloke, mentioned by Southbarre, is said to have beine spoken in my presenee at the plaee and tyme abouementionat, I doe deelare truelie and faithfullie, as ane ehristiane goeing to death, that I nevir wes witnes of any sueh diseourse, or any thing lyike vnto it, nor nevir hard him speik any thing to the advantage of the Vsurper, nor disadvantage of his Majestie; and thairfoir joynes in the same desire with Southbarre vnto yow, and restis,

Your loving eoosigne and servand,

JAMES STEWART of Caversbank.

Blakhall, 4 Deeember 1660.

For my mueh respeeted eoosigne, Christiswall.

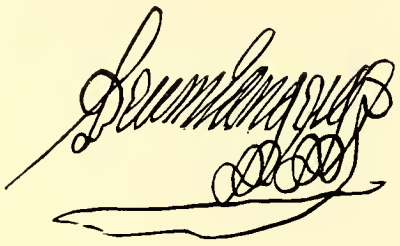
JAMES VISCOUNT DRUMLANGRIG to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok.

Sanehwhereastle, 23 February 1661.

298. Sir, wpon my petitioun to His Majestie's Comissioner and Parliament, it pleased theme to give warand for eiting sueh persones as were aeeessorie to the barborous and vnworthie vsage my father reeeaved from Gilbert Ker and those who were assoeiat with him in anno 1650, by burneing his gates, waisting his groundis, and rwining his tennentis. And tho', amongst the rest, yow were there, yet your intrest in my Lord Caneellor made me so tender of your eoneernement, that I wold not bring your name in publiet for so base ane aet till onee I spoke with yowre selfe, and endevored ane amieable setelment with yow. To whieh effeet I have proeured ane warand from my Lord Caneellor (wherof reeeave ane double heir enclosed) for your eomeing to Edinburgh, notwithstanding of any proelamatioun to the eontrare. The bearer will shew yow the prineipal warand, but eannot leave it with yow, in regard it most be made vse of to severall vthers, who vpoun that same aeompt are to eome to towne. Sir, if you intend to take away this diferenee betuixt vs in ane freindlie way, I shall expect to sie yow at Edinburghe betuixt and Seterday nixt, Mareh 2. But if agayne that tyme at fardest yow doe not come there to treat with me, I

hope yow will hold me exeused if I take sueh ane eourse to make yow eome, as will neither tend to your eredit nor advantage, and (if possiblie it ean be shunde) is in nowayes intendit by, Sir,

Your affeetionat freind and servant,



For the Laird of Polloek-Maxwell.
Haist, haist.

SIR ARCHIBALD STEWART of Blakhall to JAMES VISCOUNT DRUMLANERIG, 28th February 1661.

299. My Lord, I have seen a letter of youris direet to my sone in law, the Laird of Pollok, proposeing his eomeing to Edinburgh betwext and Saturday at night, being Mareh 2d, for treating in that injurie my Lord your father reeeaved in the burning of the gates of his house and otheris, in the year 1650. My Lord, I eertainly know that, examin the bussiness well, yeale find that neither then, nor many dayes before, he was either in those parites or with that pairtie. So, his owne innoeenee pleading his defenee, your Lordship is mueh freed from my sollieitations, then whieh (if need were) I eould not use one more perswasive then the zeal he earyed to the serviee of your deeeased noble grandfather, my Lord Traquair, and the esteem yourselfe perehainee knowes in parte he eonferred vpon him. All I now supplieat is that, if it eannot be proven that he was either with that pairtie or in that plaee the time quhen the injurie was done to your fatheris house (as I know it eannot be proven, for he was then at home), I hope your Lordship will not put him to the needless painis of eomeing to

Edinburgh, beeause of some weightie affairis, both his and mine, quherwith he is neeessarily pressed. But if your Lordship command his attendance, he shall eome in how innocent soever he be. But, my Lord, the sad oeeasion quhieh drave me so suddainly from Edinburgh, as it hath taken me vp, so for some time him also, so that I have presumed to keep him here till I know your Lordship's pleasure. Howsoever I shall eontinue

Your Lordship's most humble servant,

A. S. Blakhall.

Ardgowan, last February 1661.

For my noble Lord, my Lord Drumlanerig.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to James Viscount Drumlanerig, 31st Mareh [? February] 1661.

300. My Lord, I was not a litle surprized reading your letter of the 23d Februarij, but that I found the ground to be some misinformation, as if I had been one of those from quhom my Lord, your father, receaved the injuries therin mentioned and eomplained on; then which there can be no greater mistake, I being both then, and many dayes before, not neare Drumlanerig—I belive some scores of miles. And albeit from the undeserved respeets vouchafed at all oeeasions from some of your Lordship's nearest relations, I did perswade myselfe that the knowledge and notice of my innoeenee would redeem me from further trouble and molestation; yet if Blackhallis advice, or reather his eommandis, for my stay a day or two till he should know your Lordship's pleassour, had not prevailed (for his interest in your Lordship soe doth I perceive improve to a deall of eonfidence), I had not failled to give attendance day and place prefixed to me. If I have in this simplieitie transgressed, I crave pardon. If your Lordship's commandis be renewed, I shall without delay obey to be with your Lordship within a day or two; albeit I doe freely eonfess my desire to lurk at home, if it may be consistent with your Lordship's pleasure. And if, after examination, there shall none be found to prove my being there (as sure I ame none

without ane egregious mistake can or will assert), to moderat the power of those commandis (quhich by the law as well of affection as subjection doe challenge obedience on my parte, quhen I call to mind the memorie of your relatione), were not only a signall profe of your owne justice, but also much strengthening of the obligations due from, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble servand,

G. M. Neather Pollok.

Pollok, Friday last February [16]61.

For my noble Lord, my Lord Drumlanerig.

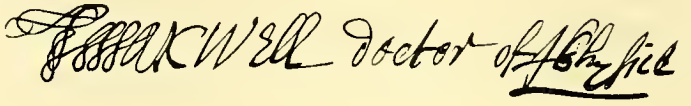
John Maxwell, M.D., to his brother, Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.

London, the 18 of March 1661.

301. Right honorable brother, I did not wreit to yow by the last post, becaus I wold have knoin somthing of yowr bussines, that I might have the honnor to acquant yow with the same. Ther is as yet nothing aduanced in that matter, and Mr. Fork and I am bothe affreied to meddil any thing in that matter til my Lord Midilton be gon; becaus Laderdail (as my Lord Lorn did asshure vs) is your great freand, and he and Middilton are not wery great freands; so that, as it is thought, the on opposithe that quhat the other wold have. And my Lord Lorn is of the oppinion that wee should speak to Sir Allexander Home, or to Sir William Fleming, and desair on of them to supplicat his Majesty; and Laderdell, being advertised befor, wold back the matter. As for Mr. Hay, whois aduice yow wold have vs to fallow, Mr. Fork is of the judgment that he is not very cordiall, bothe becaus of some of his words to him, as also becaus he is absolutly for the feinings. If it please yow, let me kno yowr adwyce, and quhat yow wold have vs to do. His Majesty is to go shortly to Hampton Court, quither Mr. Fork and I are resolved to go, that we may attend vpon yowr bussines. I have given him 5 punds sterling, quhich he hes givin to Mr. Metlan, who hes promised that he shall do quhat he can for yow. Let me beg

the favor at your hands to present my respects to your lady, and to belive that I am, right honorabil,

Your most humble servant and loving brother,



For his loving freind, Mr. Hew Maxwell, to [be] found at Jhon Sempil's hows, Wryter to the Signet. Let thes be sent to the right honorable Sir Georg Maxwell of Nether Pollock, Edinbro, in Scotland. Post payed.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to William Lord Cochrane.

Pollok, Saturday, 5 April 1661.

302. My Lord, your brother Gavin this day surprized me with the signification of a warrand for citation of me with certain otheris for some injuries done to your brother Ochter in the yeare 1648; and the rather, for that I did suppose, vpon speaking with your Lordship, that another proposale than moutioned hade been more acceptable. Howsoever, your brother did me the favour to delay the citation till Thursday at night, betwext and quhich time I might know your minde. My Lord, I shall beg no other favour from your Lordship than quhat, according to my power, in a time quhen it was seconded with authoritie, I did willingly extend in your interest. I doe not take vpon me here to plead defence as to the complaint; but if at home your Lordship think good to take materis in consideration, I shall not decline it, and shall entreat the signification of your pleasure to be communicat to Gavin. If I hade not caused a man of mine, in whose hands I understand your brotheris horse was to be returned, if I had in my handis, at any time, a horse or other gear quhatsoever, belonging either to your brother or any souldier quhatsoever of his; nay, if ther was ever any of them that demanded from any of my people any thing that was theiris and it was not restored, and if your Lordship had not at that time the testimony of zeal in your service to keep off, nay, to take off, some of the bur-

dens quhich at that time was laid vpon your Lordship, I should not demand nor beg the least favour. But the premises being of trueth (quhich I doe not mention vpon the score of desert, being esteemed by me dewetie), I hope your Lordship will, with moderation, manage the power you have to command now and at all times,

My Lord, your Lordship's most humble servant,
Sir G. M. Neather Pollok.

Postscript.—I entreat, my Lord, the bearer may be despatched with your best convenience.

William Lord Cochrane to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok,
9th April 1661.

303. Sir, I have dealt with my brother, collonell Alexander, and shall desire yow may shew my brother Gavin that it is my desire he forbeare to chairge you; but onlie yow wold give him band to submitt to Sir Adam Blair and any other gentlman whom Sir Adam shall choise in what may concerne yow in that particular. For as I am wnwilling to be heard with any of my friends, so in speciall with yow, with whom I shall still desire the continuance of friendshipe, and to evidence that I am,

Sir, your affectionat friend to serve yow,
Cochrane.

Edinburgh, 9 April 1661.

For Sir George Maxuell of Neather Pollok, Knycht.

Sir William Mure of Rowallane to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.

Rowallane, April 13, 1661.

304. Rycht worshipfull, the rolle of these that are to satisfie Drumlanricke being appointed to be filled up before the extracting of the commissioun (which will

be, at furthest, against the first of Maye), it is incumbent for sueh as are eoncerned to have it as exaetlye done as maye be that the burden maye be leichtned, whieh seimes to draw verye deip, if the list be not more numerous. The laird of Cesnoeke, with some othres, have putt it upon me to wryte to zou that ze wold use zour diligenee for getting a eompleit list of those in Ranfrew, Clisdaile, and Glasgow, as we shall doe in our shyre or elsewher as we ean have informatioun. Ze wold take the eoneurranee of Wakinshaw, Akinheid, George Porterfeild, or anye otheris ze thinke fitt; and ane aeeount theirof must be returned to me or to Cesnoeke betwixt and the 25 of April, that the eompleit list maye be sent to Drumlanrieke betwixt and the 27, as is promised to him. Ze wold take helpe of some offieeres for fynding out those who have personall estaites at or above 1000 lib. It is expeeted ze will use diligenee heirin, and not transgresse the tyme, else it will be to no purpose. I have sent zou ane eopie of the list alreadye given in, that ze maye advise thairwith and adde as ze get intelligenee. So expeeting ane returne from zou before or at the forsaid day, I ever am zour verye affeetionate servant,

S. W. M. Rowallane.

My serviee to zour worship's ladye.

For the ryeht worshipfull Sir George Maxwell of Neather Polloeke, and, in his absenee, to Aikinheid and Gawaye Wakinshaw,—These.

Sir Archibald Stewart of Blakhall to his son-in-law, Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 23d Oetober 1661.

305. Honorable and loving sone, I have pervsed thir paperis, and findis ane greate oddes from the originall ehartouris in severall partieularis, quhairof yea sall reeeave ane note heirin inelosit. They are all lying in Robert Alexanderis handis, whaire yow may have them ather to renew, or eaus Robert Allexander doe the samyne, eonforme to the originall. Yowr desire sall be satisfied, being reformit; bot I most have ane band from Andro Syme, that if the landis fall in his hand, ather by paetioune or any vther maner of way, that then and in that

caiee this confirmatioun sall be null eftir the terme of redemptioune, till that he transact and agrie with me for his entrie; as lykwayes to take ane proportioune or satisfaetioune for his interes in the Meirnes mure, ather by land or money, as severall vther fewaris hes done alreadie. Swa remitting these to your bettir resolution, I rest,

Your loving father,
S^R. A. S. BLAKHALL.

Paisley, the 23 October 1661.

For Sir George Maxwell of Neather Pollok, Knicht,—These.

JOHN FIRST EARL OF LOUDOUN to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 24th December 1661.

306. Right worsehipfull, haveing seen a letter writtin from Lieutenant William Hammilton, who sayes he was Lieutenant to Captain James Hamilton, sone to Sir Frederick Hamiltoun, and ealles himself administratour to the said Captain Hamiltoun's sone, which letter is directed to your self, the laird is of Cwninghamhead, Rowallane, Cesnok, and to me and some others; wherin (after some expostulations of the great iniurie committed against him and the losses susteined by him) he demands reparation, as his letter doeth more fully proport; and requyres ane ansuer, which cannot be rightly done bot by joynt advyce of such as he hes writtin to and ar concerned: which moved the laird of Cesnok, who receaued his letter, and me to think it expedient that wee should meett and resolue what ansuer is fitt to be returned to him. And a meetting being appoynted for that end, to be at Killmarnock the secund day of Januar next, I haue taken the boldnes to adverteis and desire yow would be pleased to be at the paines to come to the said meetting at the tyme and place aforsaid: which is all at present from,

Your affectionat freind and humble servant,
LOUDOUN.

Newmillis, December 24th 1661.

For the right worschipfull Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.

Mr. John Fork, London, to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok,
24th Deeember 1661.

307. Right worshipfull, I eam to London the 23d of Deeember, and the next day I was informed by persons of quality that the busines of fining is seriously sought after by many and opposed by som. I forbear to mention the names of persons on aither syd, presuming you are no stranger to the eharraeters of those that are for fining and against it. Its propogators have not obtained their desyre, nather ean its opposers positivly tell what will be the event. On thing I will assure your worship of, that it is not so ryp as is eommonly reported. I am also informed that a son of Sir Frederiek Hamilton's hath been puting in for a gift of your fine, pretending he sustained losse by you at the ingadgment; but hitherto it hath taken no effeet; naither shall it, I hop, for I am setting your intereession a-work. I have delyvered the letter to Mr. Metlan, but had litle diseourse with him, in regard he was ingadged in busines. Wee are to meet the next day. Only, I breifly told him, to make him aetive in your behalf, that if he would be myndfull of your eoneernment his panis should not be fruitlesse, nor his eourtesy misplaeed. I pereeaved him lyk the aire weel, for the treuth is, interest pylots heer. If your worship think it fit, you may draw a bill payable to me heer, that wee may have oile reddy least our wheels rust: and if I shall find it requis[i]t to bestow any thing upon him it shall be faithfully don; and if not, it shall remain intyre to yourself. I am going to delyver the rest of the letters, and shall be wanting in nothing that I ean doe for your worship.

I rest zour worship's humble servant,

John Fork.

Westminster, 24th Deeember 1661.

Direet to me at Mr. Blaek's at the signe of the Leg in the great Ambry in Westminster.

For the right worshipfull Sir Georg Maxwell of Naither Polloek,
in Seotland,—These.

JOHN MAXWELL, M.D., to his brother, SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok.

London, the 25 of December 1661.

308. Right honorable and loving brother, thoght it be some few days sins I came to this place, yet I did not wryt to you befor this tyme; because as shune as I was aryued I hard that you war to be fayned, quich did vex me greatly. Wherfor I went presently about that quich I thought was incumbent for me to do; and knoing that Sir James Hamilton, on of Sir Frederik Hamilton's sons, was come, togither with two Irish gentilmen, a poirpos to pourshew for your fayn, I went to on Mr. William Maxwel, who was a preacher in Irland, but now tourned out becaus he is a non conformist, who found out the way to stope Sir James mouth; for Mr. Maxwel wrot immediatly to Irland to a gentilman of his freandis, to whom Sir James hes his estat ingaged, and this freand of his wrot presently back to Sir James, showing him, that if he did in any manner molest yow, that he wold pourshew him in law. So Sir James was forsed to come and imploy Mr. Maxwel to wryt back agane to his freand, and to let him kno that he did absolutly desist. So Sir James is retourned to Irland. But as for the mater in general, ther is a great debat at court about it; but blessed be God, who stirs vp the spirits of manny to oppose themselues absolutly to any feining, I hear that my Lordis of Eglinton, Lauderdail (and as some sayth Crawford), hes stud greatly your freandis in this bussines. I have a good freand hear, who hes promised me that if the bussines be agitat in the Consell of Ingland, that he wil imploy for yow on Sir Georg Cartrigd, who is vice tressurer of Ingland, who is a great man bothe with the King and with the Chanceler Hayd. This is all I can say about your bussines; but as for my selfe, I am in health, blessed be God, and that is all that I can say, for I have had a great los into France in being robbed, so that I am not into a fitting postur to go and solicit your bussines as I wold do: and I kno not in the wordil what to do; for if I had but a shut of good clothes and linings, if it plesed God I might act bothe for yow and myselfe. I dare not be so bold as to ask anny thing from you, but the Lord is my witnes that I am in a wery great streat; and yet I do com-

fort myself in the Lord, who heath bein pleased to teach me to be eontentid in anny eondition, quieh indead I have found to be on of the hardes lessons that ever I learned; but it is treuth. I have had a seoulmester who lets non of his scollers go ignorant, and now he is putting me to practis that; but I am realy perswaded that he wil turn all at last to his glory and my good. Now, honorabil and loving brother, wil yow be plesed to caus Allexander Maxwell speak to my ant, so that, if it be possibil, I may get as mueh monies as to buy some cloths, and a few books, so that I may eome home in a postur of quich my freands may not be asshamed. Howsoever, let me have some instruetions from yow how I may solieit your bussines, for I am asshured that yow cannot have an agent mor dilligent and earful then I, who wold be glad to subscrab this treuth with my blood. Let me have the honnour to kis your lady's hands, for whois eternal happines I shall never seic to pray, besieking yow to continow your love to me, who am,

Right honorabil and loving brother,

Yours most humble and obedient servitur,

J. Maxwell.

Sir, I have wrytin to non of all my freands at this tyme but to yow, beeaus the post is immediatly to go, and I have donne quhat in me layeth to informe yow about your bussines; and I have nether tyme now to wryt, nor mueh munys to pay the post, til it shal pleasc God to send me it. Wherfor I pray yow to tack the pains to exeuse me at my ant's hands. Derect your letters to Mester Ellis hous at Colharbor gatc in Thems Streat.

Sir, If it please you to wryt vp to Mr. Brisbon, who is the man that hes promised to get yow Sir George Cartrige's freindshipe, I am asshured that he wil aet for yow with greatter fervur and dilligens, and I am really perswaded that he wil think himselfe honored to bc imployed by yow. He is a cussin of Bisshopton's, and respeets yow very mueh.

For the right honorablc Sir Georg Maxwell of Nether Pollock, Knight, at Nether Pollock,—Thes.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to [John first Earl of Loudoun,]
27th Deeember 1661.

309. My Lord, I reeeaved yowr Lordship's desyreing me to be at Kilmarnock on Tuesday next vpon the oeeasione mentioned therein, tucheing one Lievtenant William Hamiltoun, administrator to Captain James Hamiltoun, who craves (it would seeme) some satisfaetione in compensatione of the alleadged losses sustained by that gentleman the time when our euntrie men rose in armes. My Lord, I eannot keep that diet, being the verie day of the meeteing of this shire upon the bussines of the bygon month's mentainanee that are demanded. But that your Lordship may know the true state of that bussines, so farr as eoncernes mee, I beleeve that as Captain Hamiltoun, whom after that time I had oeasione to salute, never did ehalleng nor alledge any losse to be sustained by him or any of his, that day that he mareched from Kilmarnock throwgh Glasgow, by me or any of mine, nor possibly eould he : and I want not living witnesses of the partie with him that will eleare the matter of fact ; so I beleeve the gentleman that now represents him will not alledg any losse then sustained. Possibly he may (as indeed, if I remember right, I heard the Captane himselfe say) that he lost some horses in the returne to the west after the eapitulatione at Sterling ; and what losses were then suffered lett the guiltie, in God's name, beare it. For I think few honest men will satisfie the offenders in that sort. But if the motione be made by yowr Lordship, and the rest of the gentlemen assembled vpon that oecasione to tak in common consideratione the satisfaetione any doe now undergoe for their riseing at that time, I shall not deeline to eome in with others, being my selff now pressed veric heaviely for somewhat of the same nature. If the gentleman have any thing in speeiall to eharge mee with, I shall endeavoure to satisfie him in reasone. And if, after eommunieatione with him, there be any use of my service, yowr Lordship my signifie yowr pleasure to,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble servant.

Pollok, Friday, 27 Deeember 1661.

CHARLES SIXTH DUKE OF LENOX AND RICHMOND to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok, 27th December 1661.

310. Sir, I receiued yours dated the 22 of November last, by which I am very sensible how carefull yow are of my concerns. As for the sale of the woods, I leaue them wholly to your discretion, being confident of your manageing my affaires to my best advantage. Only first acquaint my commissioners with your intention; and if any thing in my power may requite your paines and kindenes, assure your self I shall readily performe it, who am,

Sir,

Your reall freind,

C. LENOX AND RICHMOND.

I desire yow to excuse my makeing vse of an other to wright for me, being too ill to wright my self.

London, December 27, 1661.

For Sir George Maxwell.

JOHN MAXWELL, M.D., to his brother, SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok.

London, the 30 of Jan. 1662.

311. Right honorable and loving brother, yours of the 19 of January I receued yesterday, quherin yow desair to have ane particular accompt of some things ther specified. First, yow sho me that yow have wrytin to me oftin quhil I was in France, but I profese to yow that it is more then tuo years since I have receved anny from yow, or anny of my freands, alltho that I have let slipe no occasion in wryting to yow, and chifly to have your advyce about my comming for Ingland or Irland, for I was resolved, if your consel had been contrarie to my aun resolution, to have followed it; and trewly, if I had not fallin in this distrese, I was in a pretie posture to have gone ether to Ingland or Irland, for I had gottin a littil mony by my aune practice into Bearn; but the contry is so

poure, that if I had not been with the Count of Belsunee, I could have made litil or no profit. As for the way how I was robbed, I was comming from Bayonne to Bourdeaux in the company of tuo marchans that wer going to the fair at Bourdeaux, but in the midst of a wood we wer set vpon by 9 or 10 robbers, who immediatly asked vs our pourees, but we not seing at the first but 4 or 5 of them, we stood to it and fyred on them, and they on vs, in quhich tyme ther compaynions invironed vs behind, wher we wer all takin and stript, after that on of the marchands had bin wonded in the arme with a shot. I then, not knoing quhat to do, went baek to the Count of Belsunee his house; but befor I came, I sent him word into quhat a pitiful condition I was, who sent immediately his laequay with on auld shut of elothes and a hors for me; so I stayed at his hous the matter of 7 or 8 wiekes, and he caused maek me a shut of elothes of droget, and being to go to Roehel, he gave me a hors to Bourdeaux, and caried me along with himselfe; and then he gave me 100 lib., praying hartily for my prosperity. I had stayed with him 5 years, so that if I had not fallin into the robbers hands, I was in a wery good posture. As for my emineney in physiek, it is not myn to vant it; but this I may say, that I have a good report in the eontry from quhich I am now last come,—I say even from the doetors themselves, and it hath pleased God to blees any thing that I have as yet gon about. I kno not how to exprese my thankfulnes to yow for the supply that yow offer me, but I shall pray quhil I breath to be inabled to serue yow. As for to make a shift hear in Ingland, I beleve really I shall, if I be in any thing relived a litil now by my frinds, to quhom I hope, or it be long, to repay, if the favors that I have reeeved wer of sueh a nature. As for the mistaek that was in my information about the naming of Sir James Hamilton, I was informed so at first, and the day efter that I had wrytin speking about that same bussines with Mr. Maxwell, he tould me that I had mistakin him, and that it was thos gentilmen that ded mannage his affairs; but as for the mater of the bussines it is wery trew. As for the bussines of fines, I ean get no assuranee. I have met with Mr. Fork, but he knos no mor as yet then I do; but we are bothe resolued to labour eonjontly that ye may be informed of every thing. I am exeiding glad of your ladis health, as also of that of my freand, for whos hapnes I shall still pray. I thanke yow most hartily for the eonsel that yow give me in the last end of your letter, and I pray God Almighty that

I may follow it quhil I breath, as also for your increse in all spirituall grace and outward prosperity. This shal be the harti wishe of him who is, and ever quhil he breathes, right honorable,

Your most humble servant and loving brother,
J. Maxwell, Doctor of Physick.

For the right honorable Sir Georg Maxwell of Nether Pollock,
at Nether Polloek.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to William ninth Earl of Glencairne, Lord High Chaneellor of Seotland, 23d May 1662.

312. Pleasc your Lordship, the first line bears the Petition, when your Lordship considers time and person, and being prompted from necessitie entreats the patienee to be reade. I have long debated in myself what to doe; and having first composed myself against all perturbatione of mynde about the ishue, I resolwed that to vse no means wer a crime of follie against my self and familee, and to follow any without your lordship's assistanee would be altogither fruitles. I reekoned that either your Lordship's oune generositie would bow and incline your favor, or elsc it would be hard to prevaill by solicitationes. And your Lordship having nobly granted me your act of indemnitie for by pasts, I nothing doubted of negative respects, that is, that your Lordship would not be my unfreinde unles I should be found guiltie of the violatione of the tacite proviso of "quamdiu se bene gesserit," in quhich eaice I give sentence against my self to perish by your oune hands. I have made reflection on the pardon I have known freely granted from your goodnes for guilte greater then mine; and the inward testimoney I have that in a time when my ends could not be so sinistrous, nor my foresight so deepe as to look at this paiche, my zeall was to doe your Lordship serviee, wherof I could give demonstratione by arguments that shall forever lie buried rather then to eome under the seandall of ane appearanc of founding theron a pretension of desert. I eoneluded, if I come speed, your Lordship shall impose anc veritie vpon a romance hath run in my fancie, to set ane inseription over my gates, with some variatione not unlike

to that of your oune, that the poor house not a litle hurt by your aneestors after Langsydfielde, hath received its restitution from Gulielmus cognomento bonus, etc., and if I misse in my suite, I judged the worst was I might be eensured for unmanerlines, and perchance excused from neeessitie; with this advantage that I had but one game to play, and now the die is cast. This litle supplieatorie epistle goes without my eompany, lik Ovid's litle book of Tristia, and with his passe; and that may, by your Lordship's generositie, meet with the euntrie man's good fortoune, that, ascending by a ladder to the judge's window, founde ane easier accesse to his petition then those that thronged at the door. But be the ishue what it will, as ane greater personage eoncluded on ane weightier oeeasione—'Te Deum laudamus.' I will not add to my crime by multiplying words: All the promises imaginable of gratitude that can run in ane old or new stile, I sum vp in this,

My Lord,

I and myne devoted and humble servantis to your Lordship and youris,

G. M.

23 May (16)62.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to John second Earl of Tweeddale, one of the Scoteh Lords of the Treasury, 14th September 1668.

313. My Lord, please your lordship, neeessitie and gratitude strongly justifie the unmanerlienes both of the suites and thankesgiveings of prisoneris, seeing of all men they ar best stored of necessitie, and have the advantages otheris want, to value favoris at ther truest availl. And therfor, should I not offer sincerelie my selfe and all myne, first to your lordship's service, for the kynde eare yow voueh-safed to a ladye's requeiste in my behalfe, and next to her, who freely and frankely charged herselfe with that kyndelie office, without my knowledge, I wer of all men the most ingrate. "Et si ingratum dixeris omnia dixeris." I have made it now my work quietly and patiently to fold my shoulderis to this new weight of ane close imprisonment, findeing my selfe precluded from releife at home, and despaireing much mor how to seeke or finde it at a greater distance, of eomforteing my selfe with the advantage of my solitarie prison walles, wher I leade the life som have with ambition courted free from giveing or

reeeiveing disturbeances; when, in the meane tyme, I know I cannot wipe of the imputation of ane unquiet and unpeaeeable disposition for not followeing the steps of my deare freindis and companions, mueh better then my selfe: wherin I have not beene able, by any endeaveour hithertill, to overcome the resisteanee of my oune light, resting on this, that length of tyme may either ineline eompassion from ruleris, or else my infirme healthe yeeld to the violenee of trouble, and redeeme me from all vexation. Oft I argue with myselfe, "Can ruleris have any other quarrell then jealousie, and that for the future? Is the ground heerof any other then what appeares in our dissatisfaetion or not approbation of som late ecclesiastiek lawes, the like dissatisfaction wherof hath beene under all governementis? Doth it follow, such a one doth not approve this or that, therfor he will disturbe the peace? What if a trieall be taken and it be founde otherwise? What hazard of a trieall? It is possible it may doe weell, and it is easiely guarded that ther shall be no hurt." Pardon, my deare lord, that a stranger not mueh knoune to your lordship, save, with all these disadvantages accompanie men in ane afflieted condition, usheres in his humble petition with this freedom, that your lordship would be pleased, in your deepe wisdom and elemeneie, to finde som way, if not to a full libertie, at least to what degree therof yow think good to allow. And for my oune parte, wer I not privie to my oune heart that I durst contend with any my neighboris for a peaceable disposition beseemeing a good and faithfull subjeet, and a good patriot, and that the event shall, God willeing, prove so, I should rather beg the favor to end my dayes in som foreigne land. My Lord, if your lordship be enclined to this my humble suite, I shall make it my care and studie, whill I live, that yow never be ashamed of your favor. And seeing to your lordship oncly I have thus opened my hearte freely, I beg pardon of any ignorant escape, and to be admitted amongst the number of—

[Indorsed by Sir Geoorge Maxwell: "Coppie of my letter to my Lord Twiddell, 14 September 1668."]

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to Margaret Hay, Lady Ketleston, 28th September 1668.

314. Deare Madam, yow have kyndly acted the freinde. If my oune light had served me, I should not have stood at this distance with the bond. If no other thing can doe it, the Lord knowes how to mak up libertie in his oune way. I would have beged to have waited on my Lord, but seeing yow tell me the termes, I feare to offend mor; nothing beeing so abhorrent to my inclinationis as to be in termes of opposition to superiors. It is good to creepe through the world with the leaste contention may be. My heartie service to my Lord. From your report I sincerely beleeve he is not my adversarie, but rather standes enclined to shew that respect to me that, as a wise man, he judges fitting in this circumstantial caise; nor is it reasoneable on my part to demand mor. My service to your husband and all the children. It is no complement when I say I am,

Your etc.

Munday, 28th September 1668.

[Indorsed by Sir George Maxwell—" Coppie of myne to the Lady Ketlestoune."]

Margaret Hay, Lady Ketleston, to Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.

5th October 1668.

315. Honnored Sir, I shall bag you parrdon for nott watting on you my silf to gauen you the accoumpt off delliuering the letter saiff: and affter hee read itt, I found him regreat much that you wold doe notthing for yoursilffe. I told him that you wold doe any thing that your conssiences wold parmett. You wold ingaeg nott to tack up arrmes aganest his Magistie, bott leuu pacibell as ane good and faithfull subgeck should doe. This yow wold gett causion for, owtherway you wold bind yoursilf under the pain off ane considerabell soum off mouny. As for that bond, as yett you had nott clairnes to tack itt. In

my own judgment, I thought itt harrd to bind for seruantes and tennents withall, as I did consauie that word publick peaces did importt that you should obseuer the Boshopes and all thair serrimones, and alloue off them as lawfull, which in my judgment you wold nott doe, or any thing they warr to bring in. Hee ansswered mee weri camly, with ane atestacion, thair was no such thing. As for you goeing to church, hee was conffident thair was sum you might heair. No persson is oblidged allwayes to goe to church. Hee thought you had so much weitt as to gyd that; only simpelly to kip the peaces, and nott be ane disturber off itt. God was wittnes what deficklieltie they had to gett itt eondishended to, thair was so many enemeis to itt, and told his Magistie in his faces, that gaue hee wold dissyer to putt your hand to the A, B, C, gaue itt cam from his Magistie, you wold not gaue him so much obedinces. Your principalles was sueh that you did not think him your lawfull King, exsept hee was off your judgment, att list ane prisbeterion: gaue you had nott the drawing up yoursilf, you wold nott allow off any thing eam from his hand. This is the gennerall opinon held amongst you: thaes eonttrari was awerred, and his Magistie informed the conttri, "as for you, your ambishon carred you; so now being the head off ane faection, and the main persson keped the rest on, you would newer tack the bond nor be browght off." Thair was as much aledged as could be for you, and now was weri offten retartered in thos perssones' teieth, what thought they off thair ingagment now they knew you sinces Starlling. I know nott what peper was amongest you thair, your father in law and sum owthers eaused draw and superyeff: howewer, for all they can law, gaue you will doe any thing for yoursilf, they will be ashamed that aspersed you. As for your ingagment for tennentes and seruantes, I beleue that will be dispenced with. Deair Sir, lett itt newer be sayd that you, who all the world knowes to be ane good man and understanding, will be so wadded to your own opinon as to suffer yoursilf to be rancked amongest the siddishous, or mislyd by any that affter eages will be called rebelles. The Lord kip that blott off you and your poisteretie.

I hop you will troust that hee wold newer be so baess as to dissyer you to doe any thing may draw you in ane hess nett to disstroy your silf: weri farr the conttrie, hee will doe as farr for you as hee ean. I know gaue the worst persson could be reclamed, hee wold wish itt; far mor you, whieh I hop goodnes

and loayiltei dwellcth in. I shall again beeg your answer as fair as you can to mee, that I may shou itt him. The morrow is the counsall day: gaue you sind me ane good on, I will goe with itt my silf, and shou itt him. I hop you will, gaue you wrett to mee, leiu the styll off madam; withall wrett to my brother Thomas ane letter, dissyer him to conttinew your frind. My Lord was off the thought to send him to you, list you might misbeleiu mee I dissyered to be so, which you shall newer haue just resson: so with husbande's respecks and myn to yow, beleuie, Sir, I am your weri reall seruant,

MARGARET HAY.

His dissyer was gaue you wold gaue satisfacktion in matter off kiping the peces, that you wold say att meeting you warr willing to sattisfie him; so hee upon reseat wold caus bring you in and conffyn you to your chamber, pretending bussines drew you, so that you might haue itt from himsilf, and non should know what paseth, yoursilfes two only, awtheren to him or mee, as you pleais; I shall delleuer itt. The Lord direck you aright, and suffer you newer to fall in the son off rebellon! I wold esteam itt a mircie gaue I could be instromentell to doe you sirueis: nott you allone, I am conffident itt wold prowe to the adwantag off many who now suffereth. Gaue my brother com to you, lett him nott know that I menshond anie nam to you, nor nam any persson that is your enemie; they arr his frendes. I will nott lett know I sentt, bott com my silf, so I was dissyered.

For the right honnourabell Sir George Maxwill off Nether Pollogg,—Thes.

SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok to MARGARET HAY, LADY KETLESTON, 7th October 1668.

316. My dearest and kyndest freinde, seeing you command me to forbeare Madam: I perceive by youris, as by the former intimation yow gave me, ther is no quarteris save on the termes of the bond. It is a torture to me to divide from ruleris commandis, but it wer a greater torture to do violence to my oune light. Gladly wold I have desyred to have satisfied his Lordship as to any jealousie

of unpeaceablenes, but I feare to irritate mor deepely. Let me be esteemed the worst of men, I shall, God willeing, make in my deedis appeare both loyaltie and peaceablenes, whether at libertie or under restrainte; and my affectionate and reall seruice to his Lordship for the kynde respectis intimated in this particular, which, though at present without effect (he may judge through defaulte on my parte), yet I hope shall not be fruiteless when he shall know me as weell as yow doe. I am much engaged to your brother Mr. Thomas' kyndeness, and shall take occasion at mor length to returne him thankis. For your selfe, yow are above complementes with me. Yow have travelled much indeede in my behalfe; yet yow have done no more then I would have founde my selfe bounde to doe for yow in the like. However, these ar favouris never to be forgotten. My seruice to your husband and all the familie—Mrs. Suite in speciall.

Your, etc.

Wednesday, 7 October 1668.

[Indorsed by Sir George Maxwell—"Coppie of my letter to the Lady Ketleston."]

JOHN SECOND EARL OF TWEEDDALE to SIR GEORGE MAXWELL of Pollok.

Edenburgh, 29th September 1670.

317. Sir, I should haue bein glad to haue sein yow last week when I was at Glasgow, bot my stay was soe short I had noe time to call at your hous. I was pleased with what I saw and heard of the temper of the country, particularly that the ministers sent ner soe ueal aeceptid of by the peopel. I pray, countinane and incouradge them. Bot on thing of greatest moment I desir'd to haue recomendit to yow, that is, the proposals mead for the pac of the church, on which depends its present quiet, and much of its futtur hapines, and may be the occasione of much good, if listnid to; but if not, I dread the consequeneis will be the giueing ouer that partie, the restraning the indulgid of ther freedom, and leauing them to the congregations for ther subsistane and supply,

besids many inconueniencis which yow may conjecture, as adwantadgis on the other hand. And now, I pray yow, lett us find that yow ar a good instrument, according to your interest and pour uith thes peopel ; for I know yow may doe much : and this oportunty lett slip, ue can hardly hop for such another. And if yow be anc indifferent onlooker, it uill be understood to be opositione. Yow see how frankly I uritt in great kindnes and frindship, and that I may be able mor ways to expres it, which is the desir of,

Sir,

Your most affectionat frind and serwant,

TWEEDDALE.

For Sir George Maxuel of Polockc.

JOHN MAXWELL, Younger of Pollok, to MAREONE STEWART, afterwards his Wife, 31st December 1670.

318. Dear mistress, yow may befor now have sufficiently considered (to use your oune phrase) my speeches, how litle of complements I have hitherto used, or can I so neatly expresse my self as persons of greater abilitie, with whom haply yow may at sometymes converse : so that I think it will not seem strange though my wryting should be such too. For all I studie, aither in my speakeing or wryteing to yow, is but so much of good, straight ingenuitie, as that yow may beleeve that what I speake with my mouth I think with my heart. It wer, I hope, then, needles to adde with pen and ink to what I formerly exprest to your worthie self ; seeing I dar ingenuously say it is els wher more deeply ingraven than that aither it can be marred or forgotten.

Yow remember about that litle thing was appoynted for us in ther treating. I think possibly my father may condiscend to the 3000 merks, for I spoke to my mother about it. But if yow can be satisfied with such a young Laird as this, I can be content, let them doe in it what they please ; for I could never say I had reasone to doubt of ther affection. But in all these things, and our greatest busineses too, let us comitt our selves to God's guidance ; and I hope our bread and our watter shall be made sure. Now, it being laitt on

Saturday, the last night of this year, I shall wish yow a good new one, and is till meeting, and ever

Your oune affectionat eusing, and most humble servant,

Jo. Maxwell.

Neather Pollok, Saturday, 31 December (1670).

My mother hath her service presented to yow and all your freinds. I will not bid yow present my service to any bodie, as I did in my last, but shall give yow such ane ample eomission as you gave me, viz., to whom yow will.

For Mistress Mareone Stewart.

John Maxwell, Younger of Pollok, to the Same.

Neather Pollok, Munday, 13th March (1671).

319. Dear Mistress, this is the first tyme I could wryt to yow sinee I eam from my good eomerad Wattie Stewart's mariage, whieh was on Thursday last at nyne a elock at night, els I would not have so far forgotten myself, specialy sinee our freindship was a litle more strictly made up. I heard the Captaine was heer to have given me a visit, and that your father and some others of your freinds are to be heir on Thursday to compleat his affaires, quhieh made me to stay my journey this week, els I had seen yow. But seeing they are to be in the eountrey, I ehuse rather to waitte on them that I might see them once at this house, and then I purpose to eome alongst with them all the way.

Now, my deirest, seeing yow and I hath given our purposes so solemnely under our hands that ther needs not these eomplemenling professions of kyndnes that are used in the beginings of sueh a busines as this, it most be our work to live, yow as myne and I as yours: and I am hopefull, as God hath guided us hitherto, so he will never leave us nor forsake us. And as I have befor, so I againe most really professe myself to be,

Your oune,

J. Maxwell.

Befor I left yow I craved liberty to invite my comerade, Craigends, when ever our happie day should be; quhieh I have done. My mother hath her

serviee presented to yow. I'le presentt my serviee to all your freinds whom yee will eomand me; for I dar not designe any bodie, beeaus yee will not let them know of my lettres: yet I most intreat yee forget not good Mistris Lilias. Our eussing Annabel's busines is aither to be put off or on Wednesday nixt. I shall bring yow the newes of it when I see yow my self.

For Mistress Mareone Stewart.

MARGARET KENNEDY, LADY KERS, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Kers, Januar 10, 1671.

320. Rieht worsehipfull, I reeeaved youris quherin your very mueh eourtessie and tendir respeetis toward my son and his effairs with yow, for quhilk I deelair myself your very obleidgit, with my prayers for the sueees of yow and youris; for I doe eonfes or now ye mieht have doin quhat ye ar now adoeing: and quhat ye have now doin is with expressioun of kyndnes and sehew of tendirnes. I am reallie sorrie that ze sould have bein put to either pains or expenssis in that partieular; bot most espeeialy it greivis me in that ze a littil hold furth that ze had spokin to som of my sonis freinds quho sould have thoueht lieht of zour partieular. I know not quho it wes, bot if I knew them, they sould not only have my wraith, bot sould nevir have my respeet nor trust. Good sir, remember that I, quho am a woman, had my husbandis trust of the ovirsieht of our son, and the rest of his freinds suffred me to vndirgoe the greatest of the burdein, bot now eftir Candilsmes the bairn wilbe out of tutorie, and is to ehoys his euiratours, with quhom I sall so deall that your partieular sal be first myndit with all dilligene: and if ze be pleast to desist any further proeedour, ze will erown your self with eourtesie, and sall not be the further from your purpois, so soon as the euiratours ar ehoisin. And as for your chairg to entir air, I perceave ye ar loath to maik the first fraetour vpon my son, quhilk all vtheris hitherto hes forborn. So or long all sal be fred of that trowbl; for we intend to entir him air to his father, and to appoynt som to eommun with yow and to prepair sattisfaetioun to yow. So beging your patiene, I espeet your eonfortable reply to, sir,

Your worsehip's humble servant to the power of,

MARGRAT KENNEDY.

Sir, only on thing, I forgot to beg exeuis for not attending your appoyntment at Killmarnok. Vpon my word of ereidit, the day of meitting was past befor I reeeavit your adverteisment.

For the rieht worsehipful, the Laird of Nether Pollok.

Charles sixth Duke of Richmond and Lenox to [Sir George Maxwell of Pollok.]

Whitehall, August the 7th, 1671.

321. Sir, I have spoken with his Majestie eoneerning my ship, who hath promised me that I shall haue his letter to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury to haue her diseharged, and that she shall not be farther interrupted in eolleeting any of the just dues belonging to the Admiralty. I likewise aequainted his Majestie, that she was stopped upon pretenee of being a merehant man, and bringing in prohibited goods, as salt; but that there was not one graine landed, but on the eontrary, seeurity offered to be given that none of it should be used in the kingdome of Scotland. His Majestie, as well as every body else, wonders they should pretend to seize a ship that makes a faire entry of what goods she hath in her, not offering to unload any. My Lord Lautherdale is out of towne drinking of the waters, to whom I have written to aequainte him with his Majestie's pleasure herein, and doe not doubt but at his Lordship's returne to have his Majesty's letter hastned away. In the meantime I haue written to all the Lords of the Treasury, whom I doubt not but will doe me justiee in freeing my ship. I pray, Sir, assist my Lord Blantire in what you ean, haueing for this yeare no other to imploy but himself. I haue given him instruetions not to eolleet anything but what is the just and antient dues belonging to the Admirall, and to shew his instruetions and follow sueh direetions as he shall reeeive from my Lord Chaneellor, my Lord Twaddell, my Lord Dondonnell, and Lord Coehran, all of them being persons of that honour that I dare assure my selfe they will not instruet any thing prejudieiall to my right. You know very well how mueh I suffered by the last arrest that was made of my vessell to the valew of above 400 pounds sterling. I therefore desire that you would

quicken their Lordships for their speedy dispatch of my Lord Blantire, so that I may not suffer more then already I haue done. In this you will oblige

Your affectionate friend to serve you,

C. Richmond and Lenox.

William Cuninghame, younger of Craigends, to John Maxwell, younger of Pollok, 26th August 1671.

322. Dear cusing, your kindnes deservs greater acknowledgment then the thing it self ye acquaint me with will suffer me to insist upon; wherin, if any occurrence tend to the disappointment of my designs, how I will relish it I leave to your self to judge from the freedom I have allways used with yow upon that subject. However God in his providence may be pleased to order it, I am conscious but of litle negligence in the point of prosecution, if of any. I dare not commit much to writing heiranent, only to desire yow to take your own way of disclosing my thoughts. If it may be so far usefull as to procure a dilatory answer to any partie that may be moving, though it be more than I can have confidence to ask, yet if granted, will exceedingly oblige. I could speak far more, but thinks I have written enough, especially at such a distance. Ther seems to be many marriages in Edinburgh. Heir I can tell yow of none but only Johnstoune contra my sister Elisabeth,—no news to yow by this time, I warrand. But if I had had sooner occasion to write to yow, I should have told yow it when it was news. Cusing, I am *semper idem* as to what I was telling yow, and also in being

Your cusing and oblidged servant,

W. Cuninghame.

August 26, 1671.

Yee may probably think it requisite to keep this letter, but it would not be keeped loosly. My service to your lady. I did not expect yee should have keeped this from her.

For the Laird of Pollock Maxuell, younger, at Edinburgh,—These.

WILLIAM CUNINGHAME, Younger of Craigends, to LADY POLLOK MAXUELL, Younger.

Craigends, March 6, 1672.

323. Dear Madam, I know ye mueh wonder at my so great and sudden ehange in so seldome seing yow, and that however I had suffieient ground of despair in referenee to the main businesse that ealled me ther, so as to make me give over my visits upon that aeeount, yet ye may think that ther were other things to ingage me to see yow then that, and that I should not have forgotten my friends beeause I had been so unfortunate amongst them. Indeed, madam, if that had been the eause of my absenting myself, it had argued great unworthinesse in me, having seen nothing yet to eause me ehange my first opinion that ther was more to ingage me to yow and your friends then either a wife or a toeher. But I suppose ye may soon gather the eause of my staying away, seing your sister thinks she ean dispose of herself better. I pray God give her joy of herself, or of that gentleman who shall be her ehoiee. All my eare now is to east up that unhappie draught whieh onee I greedily swallowed over to the great trouble of us both. And this is, and hes been, my exereise, and you know my eoming in sight befor it were done were the high way to prolong it. But when it is done (whieh is now very near), I hope she and I shall meet friends again in a new relation. And then also, to yow, madam, I hope als mueh to appear outwardly, by seeing yow now and then, as really I am inwardly,

Your mueh obliged servant,
W. CUNINGHAME.

My serviee to my Lady, your mother-in-law. I eare not though ye aequaint her with this.

For my Lady Polloek Maxuell, Younger.

Sir George Maxwell of Pollok to Frances Stewart, Duchess Dowager of Charles Duke of Lenox and Richmond.

Edinburgh, Saturday 6th September 1673.

324. May it please your Grace, in discharge of my promise by my last, and to prepare your signature, on Thursday last I waited on my Lord Kincairdine in this place, who told me his Majesty himselfe had three or four tymes enquyred about it, and therfor advysed without more delay to prepare and dispatche it himself, and all the Lords of the Treasurie (with everie one of whom I spoke severallie) promiseing ther affectionat concurrence; my Lord Chancellour addeing that he had written to your Grace ane returne, but was troubled to heare it to have miscaried, chargeing me to assuire your Grace of his forwardnes and faithfulnes in all your concernments. By all quhich your wryter and agent, with my self, have been encouraged to busie our selves in formeing of it with that speed that it may not miss Sir George Lockhart at court, by whose skill and authoritie any legall debate (should it occurre) may be overcome.

Your Grace was pleased in your last to enquyre if yow did not fall ane terce of his Grace's personall estate in Scottland by our lawes. I gave yow ane accompt as to your interest in the reall estate; but, reflecting more attentively, I beleeve the question to be of the moveable estate, wherin your interest is more then ane terce: Seeing ther ar noe children it is an equall half, quhich I have not forgott to represent to one Mr. Forster of Newcastell, who, in name of the executors, is come hither to confirme his Grace's will as to debts oweing him in Scottland. But in earnest, the debts oweing by him are far more then to exhaust the wholl free goods; and wher ther is nothing free ther remaine nothing to be devyded. And so far as your pairt would be in what I owe, or quhat is due by tennants, would not exceed a hundreth pound, if ther wer noe debt. But my endeavours are to keep somequhat for your Grace; wherin I told Mr. Forster I hoped to exclude the executors, myndeing to provyde for it by ane clause in the signature. The same Mr. Forster, I hear, brings ane order from his Majesty in favours of the heire of lyne, my lady Obriane, to search the eharter chist if any right may make for her: but the order I have not seen, nor learned that any use hath been made of it. But I am perswaded I know the best and

the worst of it, and your Graee's signature shall be so weell penned, God willing, as nothing shall be wanting on the pairt of faithfull servantis for your advantage so far as law ean permitt. In order wher unto ther depends so much on the exact information of the mater of faet, that in my opinion it will be simply neeessar to direet to yow your oune agent with the signature, a thing that, to avoyde expenses, I have much shunned: for in your Graee's affaires, I love the same frugality I would desyre in myne oune. But rather then yours faille for good management, I willingly would ehoyse to bear that meane expense myself. By him also I meane to give your Graee that informatione that cannot possibly be so fully and distinetly any other way, nor by any not intimatly aequainte with the full state of affaires.

Madam, I beseeeh yow aeeept of my sineere respeets to your serviee, and beleeve the honour I receive in the intimatione of your good lykeing of quhat is already done doeth so eonfirme me to goe on as I am in nothing more ambitious then to nierite the qualitie of,

Madam, your Graee's most faithfull and obedient servant,

GEO. MAXWELL.

THOMAS STEWART of Coltness to his Sister, LADY POLLOK, younger,
13th April 1677.

325. Dear Sister, I have bein sore trubled this tuo nights about Sir Georg, and am impatient to hear, thoe I fear I shall hear noe good neus. Yet blissed shall he be, and hapie uold the lyke of me be, if I wer to goe to his plaee, and the poor wast, that he shuld stay. I fear this generatione shall not be witness to the loss of such a persone, in this west. Oeh! if the Lord might spaire him. The Lord knoues my heart's desyre for him. Oeh! what confort ean we whoe ar behind have to be witneses of sueh sadd loses? Dear sister, I truly sympathies with you and your dear husband in this strok, who, I know, is so tenderly affected, which, as it moves me to pitie you both, so it ingadgeth me more to love you then ever: and I have many tymes thought that ane viseble blisseing shall befall yow both, aeeording to the eommand with promiss that your dayes be long in the land, etc. Dear sister, all heir longes to hear, and the eaptain

and his wife, and my wife hes hirself most tenderly rememberid to you and your worthie husband: so rests,

Your most affectionat brother and servant,

THO. STEWART.

My dear respects to the lady whoes loss is irreparable by this threatned strok. The Lord eonfort hir!

Coltnes, 13 April 1677.

For Lady Pollok, younger.

ANNABEL STEUART, reliet of Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, to her Son, JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Nowember 1, 1677.

326. Deare sone, sinc your goeing from hoom thair some strang feares for what is not knowen, nor can I wryt al the circomstanees of it to you, bot the bearer ean inform yow; bot when others is making provision otherways, Lord help vs to flie to our strong hold, the Lord, whos nam is a refuge to flie to at al times: blished be his holy nam! He is a God of judgment, and waits to be gratious wnto al that trusts in his gudnes. The morrow is the miting of the shire of Aire of the thrie commissioners, and al the genetelmen is wryt for. Ye ware enquired for; it was weil, I hoop ye ware thair. Til we sei from this miting, I bid you and requist, ride not lat, ye nor your wife, for ye be both weil: I will be weil throw our God's gudnes, by which I am,

Your most affectionat mother, while I am,

For the Laird of Polloek Maxwell.

ANNABEL STEUART, reliet of Sir George Maxwell of Pollok,
to her Son, JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Nowember 4, 1677.

327. Deare sone, I got yours and my doughters. I thank hir and you both. Yours to me is weric aceptable to me, if it ware to heir ye and freinds with you ar weil. I eannot giue newes from this, bot befor Friday thair was strang feares amongest som great ons. The miteing wast I hard was al on, exeept the two famalies I last is eom of, whieh I am sorie for; the on was in ane il ease, the other was, as is said, observablely inflovaneed by a lord, ye know who. Your voage trysted weil, bot sure the snar and in-snarers is not at ane end. Gud Lord, fite vs al for what may be His gud purpose, and be our God and giud til this storm be ouer: and euer tim is short, and the prysc is sure, and things of tim werie wnsertain, as may be sein on Glasgow. Lord help al to be amongest the wise, to heir the Lord's voie in his rods! I wryt with Jhone Steuart. I look this day ye and my doughter wil get them. The post disapointed me before. My loue and service to your father and his lady, and to your own and to hir sisters. The greac of God be with you is the heart's desire of

Your most affectionat mother, while I am,

ANNABEL STEUART.

The SAME to the SAME.

Nowember 12, 1677.

328. Deare sone, I got yours werie weilcom to me. If your wnele's bussines be at ane vpwith, and he desire you to, if ye can be vsful to him, stay on him, for owght that yours ean doe at hom shale no be neglected, I hoop. We haue caled a court on Thursday nixt, and what is readie shale be receaued, and spok to mak readie for you againest the nixt day. I jntreat you mak many shifts to get hom your sister, for I purpose not to let hir stay any longer, and it wil bot trouble to send for hir again. I am sorrier then I can tell you of my Newoy's way. I wish the Lord may giue him right thougts of it. Visit Mr.

Care, or sueh gud eompanie. I am glaid ye haue sueh relationes that will giue you adviee to be in your deuty in sueh a snarie tim. Gud Lord esteblish by His greaee, to whom I reeommend you, and is,

Your affeetionat mother, while I am,

ANNABEL STEUART.

Alan D. is eairful to mak readie Mr. Bell's moni. I look he wil giue hir it to morrow.

For the Laird of Polloek Maxwel.

JEANE LADY STRATHNAVER to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

9th January [16]78.

329. Sir, when I reeeived the favour of yours with thee inelosed paper, I did then returne my thanks to yow for performing your promise in satisfieing my eourosity; but hearing that myne was misearied tharow the default of one of my own servants, I thought it better to trouble yow with a new letter then runn the hazard by my sillinee to ineurr your just eensor. And therfor againe I will tell yow that I am oblidg'd to your goodnes for being at the pains to write mee the sad story of your worthy father's trouble, who's memory ought to be sweet to all vertous persons that ever knew him, whieh made me so eoneern'd to bee inform'd in the affaire: and if yow please to add to the favour yow have done, a eopie of your worthy father's own observation on the matter of faet, it wilbe a great satisfaetion to me, who shall ever bee ready to witnes that I am, Sir,

Your honor's humble and oblidged servant,

Jeane Strathnaver

Pirmit this to present my humble serviee to my lady your mother, and your own lady.

For Sir John Maxwell of Polloek.

THOMAS STEWART of Coltness to his Brother-in-law, JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 7th February 1678.

330. Dear Sir, I have sent the bearer, desyrus to know how ye ar. I did sie your letter to the captain. I am glad yow ar frie of the host. The Lord eonfort them amongest whom they ar! Brother, I cam from Edinburgh one Saturday—Wisha, Halcraig, and others of ws to our meiting one Tuesday, being wairned by the Duk, beeaus we gott not advertysment of Freidaye's meiting. I was with the Duk befor the meiting, all a lon: He told me that he wold propose to mentain so many to keep our eountrie frie of eonventickls. I spok long, and obtested him not to make sueh overturs, for it wold breck us, and deveid his freinds, and overclud his faim, and darken all that he had done. I suppose he did not intend it, for he mad noe such overtur; bot, as sherife, he caused reid the letter to them, and the band, and took instruments that he had offered the band; and after that, to 20 of ws who satt att table, he offered the band, and everi one, as it eam to ws, cast it doune the bord, and cast it wp the burd as if it had brunt ws. Ther was a great meiting, above 600 hunder* heritors. Immediatly we who wer att table, all of ws rose, sayeing, "Ther is non to take it." After that Comisar Flimin erayed, "My Lord, I will take it." So it uas given him. Then Woodhall and Toweorss, Roploeh elder, and Bedlay, took it, and Inchnoeh and about 10 or 11 pittie portioners, not above the degrie of eoaleaers, by appearanee,—in all 19 subscrivers: wherof Walston and Hagges is tuo of the number. I forgott Carnwath took it after the comissar. I am sure it will be great greif to his precius lady. I took the band and read all ther names; and as I uas reading, the Duk and Carmichaell, in sport, crayed, "Clark, give Coltness the penne, he will subserive." Sir, we wer verie wnanimus. I am glad to hear that it is so with yow. Roploeh, after we cam out, cam to severall gentillmen. I was not pleased with ther behavior: they told him, "How can ye come amonest honest men?" and when he went away, one said, "Hun the doges att him." Hinsall was drinking with ws, and made good sport: he said, by these windes it did appear the divell was raised, and it was said that he

* *Sic* in original. The writer probably meant 600 heritors.

culd not be laid exeept he had some thing cast att him : so, he said, Clydsdaell had cast him ane old hoes, or old shooe, meaning the subserivers. I trubl you : Mr. Graham is verie desyrus to hear : I intreat you, what ye hear further of the host and ther motione, wreat, and what they intend, and if ther be such runing auay as they talk heir. I am goeing east aganest the bearer returne. Sir, I pray you wreat partieularly how fare they intend west, and if they will return this uay, if ye can learn this. My tender and endeared respect to my dear sister, and your preeius mother and sisters, I rest,

T. Stewart.

My wife and lasses remembers you and my sister with all tenderness.

7 Febr. (16)78.

Mr. Hugh Maxwell to John Maxwell of Pollok, [29th November 1678.]

331. Honoured sir, . . . For newes, I have litle of particular to send you, not having had tyme to see the letters and gazetts. But generally, both letters and persones come from England tell us that they are in the greatest confusion there, and speeially at London, that people can be in. All the train-bands of the eity are up, and the halfe of the militia in the haill kingdom, by publick orders from King and Parliament, are still in armes. The citizens never stay in their houses without doors shut. They scarce cast off cloathes, and sleep but by turnes. After day light, few or none goe out of doors for fear of being knock'd downe ; and many sayes His Majestic's persone is in the greatest of hazard from their continuall attempts. The Duke of Monmouth, they say, got a letter, which quhen opened a powder came vp vpon his face and nose, that with difficulty, they say, his faee is preserved and himselfe not poisoned. This, they say, is trew. Severalls more are apprehended, and making large confessions vpon pardones. The two houses have agreaed, and past the bill for removing all popishly affectted from the city ten myles, with a salvo, which, some says, is an exception of his royall hieness the Duke of York : others, that they

take the oath of supremacy. In Mr. Coleman's house, beneath the pavement stones, a great many writts are found, which, they say, diseovers a long traet of this plot, and much eorrespondance with the Freneh, and many guilty of that. None yet are executed. Mr. Williamsone, the keeper or King's secretarie, being put in the towre for appending the seall to a commission for some persones popishly affeeted, to be justiees of the peace, and sheriffs, in Ireland, being eomitted to towre for it, and brought out by his Majcstie's warrand, till he should know the reasones why (being his Majestie's servant) he was imprisoned without his Majestie's knowledge. The King, after speaking with the Commouns, reeommitted him to prison; and so far as we heare, his Majestie and his Parliament agreas well in all things. When Lodvick Stewart comes, I shall labour to have more exaet information from the publick letters, and acquaint you of what oeeurrs. This being all at present from, sir,

Your most humble servant,

Hu. Maxwell.

Indorsed, "29 November 1678, receaved."

For the much honoured, the Laird of Pollok Maxuell.

John Maxwell of Pollok to George Hutcheson, 16th December 1678.

332. Poor George, I receavcd yours of thc 30 of November last, and aecordingly went to your mother thc morrow after I gott yours, and she and I joyntly hath sent yow this litle supplie of ten pound sterling, draune on one William Acheson. But beeause the money was payed by James Pacdie, Margaret Brock's sone, he will wryte to yow, and more particularly let you know quhere Aeheson lives. I was truely sorrie and grievcd to hear of your miseareage befor, and now I doc not wonder at the Lord's righteous dcaleing with yow, in layeing his hand hcaviely upon yow, whieh I wish may be seriously remarkcd by yow, and lead yow to rcpentancc. For if the rcport be true, as wcc hcard, that aither yow havc had hand, or knounc, of that attrocious eryme (I need not be more plaine or particular in it, for your ounc conseienee knowcs best), it may be matter of griefe and sorrow of heart to yow befor the Lord all your dayes. And

I most tell yow, both as my ounc advycc, and your mother's too, that be in that quhat will, your reputatione is so broken heir, that I know not what imployment yee can take your self too. Your patrimonie is now lost, as yee may easily compt with your self; and I supposc hardly your freinds will advance a new one to yow to trade upon; nor, I think, will any heir even scarce reccive yow in service. And I most pitie your mother, that now of three sones knowes not which of them is the most unhappie. For, of late, I sent Sandie Jamison to France, with Skipper Rac in Glasgow, seeing he would not be a scholar; but he hath fallen in so manic escapes of stealeing and pykeing, that he hath ashamed all his freinds, and since hath not so much as looked mc in the face. Your brother John is now quyte bankrupt, and goes to Ireland at May day, and, I believe, with as good as nothing. You may easily know how unpleasant and sad to me it is, to tell such a relation of my freinds, but only to let yow know thc sadnes of your mother's case and thers. She constantly weepes, and could not forbear to cry out, when I read yours to her, "Would to God she had never had a male chyld!" Thus, haveing laid befor yow your condition, truely with sorrow and sadnes, it is both her advyce and myne, that yow be a sober and humble person all the dayes of your lyfe befor God, that his wrath may be prevented, and mercy obtained through Jesus Chryst. But returne hither, I know not quhat yec can turne yow to, without further breach of your reputatione, and disgrace to your freinds. So, I think, if yee can gett any honest service, or any other laufull imployment, though never so meane, yee should accept of it, and shun the debaucherics of this tyme, that yee may not further heap on the wrath of God upon yow, which is all at present can be said from,

Your cussing, who truely compassionats your miscrie.

All your freinds are weell, and your sister Bessie is lately maried on John Paedie, merchant in Glasgow.

Pollok, 16 December 1678.

JAMES FOURTH EARL OF PERTHE to JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
23d January 1679.

333. Sir, you have bein pleased to put so very many obligations upon me, by your giving me that relation of your father's distemper, and so many expressions of kindness to my self, that I do not knou hou to return sutable acknoledgments; but I shal aluays have a sense of your civility, and a ready heart to do you all the service I ean. And since that is lyke to ammount to very litle, I hope you wil considder my uillingness favorably, and conclude it reall, tho' litle uorth. I should give you thanks if I kneu hou; I am sure I do so by my self, tho' I cannot express them; and I earnestly desire to have you think of me as, sir,

Your very humble servant,

Perthe.

Drummond, 23 January 1679.

For the Laird of Polock.

ARTHUR MAXWELL, Strabane, to his Father, JAMES MAXWELL of Drumbeg.

Straban, 20th June 1679.

334. Dear Father, yours I received by my man upon Saturday at night, but eould not come this weeke. I intend, God willing, to take jorney next weeke. Sir William, as I wrote, sinee I spoke to him last, hath been at Kilkenny, is not yet come home. I doubt I shall be foreed to leave your letter to him with my brother Cuninghame, bot I am eonfident yow will get noe money at this tyme, for I was informed that he borrowed 50 pounds when he went from hence. Wee have the lamentable Scotch newes, and the preparations against you. All

freands heer are well, praised be God for it! My duty to your self, and my mother, is all else at present from

Your dutyfull son,
ARTHUR MAXWELL.

Captain James Stwart, nicknamed mad, is just dying; soe that they are providing things heer for his funerall.

To James Maxwell of Drumbeg, Esq., near Lisnegarvie. Post paid.

JOHN CATHCART of Carltoune, to JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
19th September 1679.

335. Sir, according to our last communing, the bearer is sent purposelie to understannd of your sister her safe returne. I ame confident, that by this dilator, and the tyme formerlie yow have had to think vpon this affaire, yow have soe particularlie considered all objectiones and scruples that can occurr in it, that ther will remane noe matteriall on bot quhat freinds att a meeting may easilie ressolve vther wayes. I doe assure me self I had or now been there with acquainted. Sir, I earnestlie intreat for your ingenowuse, cordiall, and free dealing with me in it, since it's a thing now soe much above board, and quherin I cannot be a litle concerned. I intend verie shortlie to wait vpon yow, and shall therfor adventer yow trouble noe further att present, but that I am, sir,

Your most humble servant,
J. CATHCART of Carltoune.

19 September 1679.

For the Laird of Pollock.

JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to JOHN CATHCART of Carletoune.

Pollok, 20 September 1679.

336. Sir, I shall be very loath to put any delay longer to your busines then was neecssar, now sinee my sister is come home, and therfor for shunning of greater troubles to your freinds in makeing a longer journey, I shall be satisfied wee take the opportunity of my Lord Coehran's burieall, wher, I think, any freinds I am to make use of, will be present, and lykely yours too, and from thence to goe to Kilmarnoek, or any other plaee convenient near by, wher I hope wee may gett any aggriement minuted, and therafter extended as yee please. But if yow plcase not this overture, wee shall make our tryst otherwyse when wee meet on Thursday, wher, at least, I expeet to heir your appoyntment any day the week ther after. Thus far, I hope, I have satisfied your desyre both cordially and ingenuously (as you say), and God's blessing to our purpose is the serious wish of, sir,

Your most reall and humble servant,

Jo. MAXWELL.

MR. JOHN CARSTARES to JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Edinburgh, 21 Oetober 1679.

337. Noble Sir, I adventure by this line humbly to salute your honour, whom I am glade to find in the auneient and honourable house of Neather Pollock, suceeeding, as so very hopefull and promising a son, for the advantage of the chureh and of the country side, to so ehoyee, eminently aeeomplished, and renouned a father, and whose every-uay-wellfare, I am bound on severall accounts passionatly to wish. And if I thought that what I am in humility, and uith all due defercnee, to your oun judgement to desire of you wold be prejudiciall to your selfe or to your family, I wold hardly dar so much as onee to propose, let be to presse it. I wnderstand that Glanderstoun heth a respeet for your

honour's youngest sister, of whom I hear a savoury report. Whatever shall in Providence fall to be the issue, I must needs justify and heartily approve of his choyee, as I am persuaded his deceassed blessed father wold, wer he alive. I shall not doubt but the respect your selfe and family have in the eountry, uith the desirable accomplishments of the young Lady, may easily and readily promise and proeure a suter for her uith a much more considerable estate; yet, generous sir, if I may uithout ineurring the construction of an offieious medler, I wold, uith all humble submission, offer to your consideration some things, which I knou your honour will not look at as altogither despysable. But, in the first place, he is, as your honour knous, uncontravertibly a gentleman, and heth severall not discryditable relations, thoughe the Lord heth thought good to make, uithin these few years, a great breaeh upon them. Then you knou that God heth most singularly and signally blessed that family, children and children's children, spreading the nett of his graee over them all, uithout missing so mueh as one of them, son or daughter, for any thinge I knou; whieh, I suppose, heth not very many paralealls in gentlemen's families, especially where there have been sueh numbers of children, and some of them have been eminently gracious, beside other notable accomplishments. Further, your honour knous that the late excellent Glanderstoun married very cryditably when the estate was no greater, if not somewhat lesse. Again, the young gentleman heth his oun competency of parts, and I suppose, by God's blessing, throughe time and experience, capable of considerable improvement, even to the making of him significant and wsefull in the country side he liveth in, as his grandfather, and incomparable father, both great men, eminently wer. Yet further, he is not only sober, in a good measure, and blamelesse in his visible deportment, but I hope also religiously disposed, which is very valouable, especially at such a time when not many ar so. Moreover his estate is tollerable, and such, as throughe God's blessing, they may live honestly, handsomely, and cryditably on, as his father and grandfather did before him, not much short of most gentlemen in the country about them, especially if they be frugall, as I think the gentlemen will be, being disposed, concernedly, to look to the state of his oun affairs; and no thinge doubt but the notable education of the young lady, your sister, will easily prompt her to a vertuous and frugall management of things for her part, wherin your and her excellent mother, who have done

vertuously, heth cast a fair copy for her to write after. Finally, sir, he is your neer nighbour, so that you may have aeeesse to the more easy, frequent, and comfortable fellouship of your sister, and to be usefull to her in all exigents and oecurents, and he may therby have aceesse in what he can to be usefull to your family; and both of you, by your mutuall christian converse, may be edifieing one to an other, and streinthen one another's hands by communieating counsells, valouable considerations, especially in a sad time, whieh is yet like to be sader. I will not dar to trouble your honour further, but leave the whole bussinesse to your oun judieious and grave consideration; and if the Lord shall please to commaund you so, I wold hope it should be no greif of heart to you afterward: only adding that your intertaining the young gentleman's proposall will be very refreshing and satisfying to, generous sir,

Your honour's humble servant and hearty wellwisher,

JOHN CARSTARES.

Sir, present my dear respects to your sueet lady, who I hope will be Glanderstoun's friend. I heartily wish she may be not only a blessing to, but also yet a fruitfull builder of your house, after a whiles uithholding the fruit of the wombe for [his own] wise ends.

For the right honorable, the Laird of Neather Pollock,—These.

JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to MR. JOHN CARSTARES,
1679.

338. Worthie Sir, I doe look upon it rather altogether as ane exuberanee of your goodnes and favour to me more then what I any wayes can pretend to, in the value yee are pleased to put on me by yours; for though I have the honour to represent my deceased worthie father's familie, yet aither for his vertues or other aceomplishments which rendered him so fitted to serve both the ehurch and his countrie, I ean in noe wayes lay claime to; yet may they leave ane

hie obligatione on me, and all his posteritie, to follow so good a paterne, and so faithfull ane educator of his children, and withall, I most say, so liberall a provyder for his children too, that, had he lived, his conduct in ther marieage had noe less appeared. But now, sir, I think ther is none of his race that so much doubts of your sincere affection, without any further apology, as would judge any thing came from yow prejudiciall to our interest; nor needes ther any man to give me a juster character of that person or his familie; for I know his father was a person eminent alse any of his generation in his coate, his mother, a sober, religious person, eome of alse ancient and creditable a raee as in the place wee live in, and the blessing of the Lord hath been great to all the familie of Glanderstoun: himself a person of verie good expectatione, and if the Lord continue the tract of his goodnes, may be a usefull man also. But, sir, I shall be so ingenuous as to tell yee plainely the case I stand in: My father did not leave the trust of marieing his daughters altogether on my mother and me; but ther was four or fyve others particularly condiscended on in wryte befor his death. Now, I did Glanderstoun so much justice as to tell him that if my mother and the gentlewoman declaired for the thing, I should assent; otherwyse I behooved to pay that deference to my good freinds, so expressly appoynted by my father in his letter will, as to be ruled by ther advyce. I took occasion after to speake my sister, who is not resolved in the thing. I spoke two of these freinds by word of mouth, who plainely did not think it fitt for me in the circumstances I stand in. A third, I wrote to, whose answer I have not yet receaved; and lastly, for my self, I purge my self, aither directly or indirectly by my warrand, of partiall counsell to the gentlewoman or these freinds I spoke with; nor have I projected hie things: for as they say more partieularly of all actions (marieages are made in heaven), so men's thoughts may misgive; nor doe I doubt but Glanderstoune may marie with better then I can pretend to, and alse mueh other conveniences too, to whom I wish all happienes, and promises all faithfull, affeetionat freindship and service.

WILLIAM CUNINGHAM, younger of Craigends, to JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok.

Edinburgh, 11 November 1679.

339. Sir, it was very much marvelled at your not being heir last week. I thought yow otherwyse minded when I was with you; but if other pressing occasions have diverted, who can blame you? Only now let me desire yow, and that not from my self, but in the name of others whose call may deservedly have more weight, that yow would come to this place the beginning of the next week, if not sooner, prepared to give attendance in the company of the Duke of Hamilton, at the reception of his Royall Highnesse, who is, by the generall voice of this place, expected about the end of the next week; and Hamilton is to meet his friends heir, (whom he hes written for) upon Tuesday, this day 8 days. Sir, take not this as coming of my self, nor of any else whose judgment I thought you would slight: and if yet remaining under doubt, yow suspend taking conclusion till yow be better acquainted with the giver of the advice, yow may yet, (at my requeest), hazard the pains of coming hither, where yow may be satisfied in that. Especially seing I am also desired by that same hand, that advised the other, to advertish yow and other friends concerned in that particular, that yow were to have been heir upon last week of a meeting intended anent it immediatly after his highnesse coming heir; and therfor earnestly to desire yow, not only to be present your self, but also to advertish others as I advertish yow. And if yow desire furder clearing anent what I write, seek occasion of Killmaheugh, who will informe yow fully. I rest, Sir,

Your humble servant,

W. CUNINGHAM.

Sir, I wish yow may take a word of Houshill anent the particular day. Sir, I pray send the inclosed speedily to my father, though yow should hire a bearer on my expens.

For the Laird of Polloek Maxuell.

JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to WILLIAM CUNINGHAM, younger of Craigends.

Pollok, 17 November 1679.

340. Sir, your oune desyre, without the asistanee of any better, as yee say, would undoubtedly had that weight with me as to have made me waite on yow; but the truth is, my oune privat busines, of very great eoneernment, quhieh my sisters eould tell yee at meeting, and eontraet being to be perfyted this week, hinders me, that by noe means I ean gett the duetie performed I owe to that noble person yee wryte of. But as for the other eoneern, what money I gott I delyvered to Haleraige, together with the half of what I was appoynted for my self, and took his reeeipt, quhieh yee may eomand, and I shall give him his reeeipt. Sir, yee know the persons frae whom it was gott better then I; yee know alse weell who is defieient; wherof truely I am ashamed, and shall be willing to follow any eourse, any other gentlemen of my eoate takes, to make up the none payments. And if yee judge it absolutely neeessar I should eome in, upon your returne by the Pasley poast, I shall waite on yow without faile the begining of the nixt week. So I intreat yee may not miseonstruet my disobeyeing of yours, and that my affeetionat serviee and kyndnes may be presented to your ladie as the reall duettie of, Sir,

Your affeetionat eusing to serve yow.

To Craigends younger.

JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to MR. JAMES MAXWELL of Drumbeg, 19th Oetober 1680.

341. Cusing, I observe by a number of lettres from Sir William Stewart yee sent me inelosed by yours of the 4th of September last, what eare yee have been at in my busines, for whieh I returne yow thanks; but it seemes by one of Sir William's, the 22d of Apryll 1676, he hath given yow bond for the money at

that tyme; and by another of yours, the 21st of May 1679, yee tell me yee concluded for iii llib. sterling, upon promise of payment at All Saints befor; yett all I can observe by the letters is, yee gott assignement on one Mountgomerie for 40 llib. sterling, quhereof yee gott thretty, and now all that Sir William promises against the 17 of September last is but 60 llib. sterling; so that I wonder how the compt comes short of what yee concluded on befor the 21st of May 1679. Even though the Mountgomerie's 40 llib. had been all payed, it would but make up 100 llib. in all, and that ther is noe alloweance for annualrent all that tyme from the 1676 that Sir William gave first the bond. And besydes, he can make noe better promises then what he hath oft reiterat befor; so that I know not what is to be trusted to; only if I had a bond, of anie responsall person in this countrie, in my oune name, I would spend the whole money ere I wer so used. Yette I am not doubtfull of your care to manage my busines most profitablie to my behoove. Yee tell me in yours he promises upon honour and credit all that is due by him shall be payed at Belfast the 17 of September last; but I cannot trust much to that, seeing he hath so pitifullie forfeit alreadie by breakeing so manie, and at last by being huffie that yee stick so closs to him. Nor see I what I can be better to draw bills on him by the way of Dublin, to be at the charge of 7 llib. per cent as yee tell me; for it's a thousand to one but he will dishonor your bills, and let them be protested. I pray, if ther be anie way under the cope of heaven, to put him to it to make speedie payment, aither by law or otherwyse. I will shrink at noe expensês, resting intirely on your candour and diligence to doe therin quhat is best for me, and by the first occasion to let me know aither what of the money yee have gott, and what course yee intend to follow, which I leave fullie to your self to doe as in your oune, that I may most speedilie ridde of such a debtour, and make the best of ane ill bargaine I can. My service to your ladie, Mr. Arthure and his ladie. I am most sincerely

Your affectionat cusing to serve yow.

19 October 1680.

JAMES FOURTH EARL OF PERTH, Chancellor of Scotland, to his Brother, JOHN EARL OF MELFORT, Secretary of State.

Edinburgh, 15 March 1687.

342. My dearest lord, thes bearer hearof, Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, his alluayes appared to me to be a man of so loyall and peacabll principle, that an error, which seemed to have mor relation to judgement then to will, should not be imputed with too much severity to him. He dos not plead to be quyt frec of his heavie fyne, but to have it propertined to his ability. He seems well contented to pay all that he is capable to raise with any possibility of subsistence for his family; but when you and he meets, I doe not question his giveing of an ingenuous account of his condition, and of his princples, and from both you will have ground enught to plead for his Magesti sheuing some favor to him. What ye doe will be a charity to his family and will lykways oblidg, my Lord,

Your Lordships most obedient seruant and brother,

PERTH.

For the Earle of Melfort, Secretary of Stat for the Kingdom of Scotland, at Whitehall.

Indorsed by Sir John Maxwell thus:

Coppie of the Earle of Perth his letter to Melfort, quhich he gave to me when I went to London about my fyne, and pleased me so ill that I gave it to Blairdrummound to be redelyvered to himself. 15th March 1687.

WILLIAM FIFTEENTH EARL OF CRAWFURD, President of the Privy Council, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok, 29th August 1689.

343. Honoured sir, I cannot longer delay the giveing you nottice, that through the resort of many councelours to England, or, at least, to their countrie houses, the King's bussiness does much suffer, and wee cannot assemble for the want of such a number as make up a quorum. I most earnestly entreat you to order

your affaires so as that, with a purpose of makeing some stay here, you will attend on Munday at midday, when you will be confidently expected by,

Honoured sir,

Your affectiont friend and humble servant,

Edinburgh, 29th August 1689.

For Sir John Maxwell of Pollock.

The Same to the Same, 11th October 1689.

344. Much honoured sir, I am necessitat to call you to this place against Munday's night, or very early on Tuesday morning. Your presence here peremptorly at that time, being very significant for the King's service, and at this juncture, indispensibly needfull; and so is importunatly delt for by,

Much honoured sir,

Your affectionat friend and humble servant,

Crafurd.

Edinburgh, ijth October 1689.

For Sir John Maxwell of Pollock.

For his Majestic's speciall service, in hast, hast, post haist!

Frances Stewart, Countess-Dowager of Charles sixth Duke of Lenox and Richmond, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Whitehall, April the 19th [1694.]

345. Sir John, I do assure you it is with great satisfaction that I haue this day receiued yours of the 3d instant, and do assure you it shall be noe falth of

mine if there be not allways as good an vnderstanding betwixt us, as you seeme to desire, and as, indeed, I do on my part. And as to the propossition you now make, I think it is so uery reasonable as I do aquiess, and in order to it, have desired my Lord Liehquo, and my Lord Tarbott, to meet with any two who you shall ehuse on your side. I hope they will state the matter so reasonably as that it may easely be ajusted betwixt us ; alltho', I do assure you, upon my word, it has neuer oeeationed any strangnes on my part (as you haue apprehended) : and what the eustome may be in Seotland, I know not, but heere, any person who thinks themselves agreeued goes freely to law with the King, and dous not reekon they are the worse subjeets for it, nor dous the King think them so. I giue you many thanks, Sir John, for all the siuillity and friendship you express for me, pertieulierly as to the promissing your assistanee in the getting my woods sould : but I haue left it to Gray to tell you my opinion in that matter, haueing but ill health, and writing makes me worse. Yet I eannot end without assureing you I am,

Your most affectionate faithfull seruante,

F. Lenox and Richmond.

For Sir John Maxwell.

Sir James Steuart, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxuell of Pollok.

Edinburgh, 6 September 1695.

346. Sir, your freind Mr. Maxuell shall have all the kindness that I ean shew him, either for a remission or a tolleranee to live quietly, upon finding caution, whieh last is the course that these come from Franee sinee the Act of Parliament doe generally take. I think it is from ane evill spirit and design that the Quakers endeavour to sett up at Glasgow ; and I know some of their leaders are worse then hereticks, and while they pretend to be Christ's, in effect not Christians. But I am sure it was mueh better for me to warne your magistrats to keep the peace, and prevent ryots, than that the privy eouneell, upon the Quakers' eomplaint, should have comanded them to doe it. And therefor I have told the provost that sinee my method offends, the Quakers for hereafter shall have liberty for to follow their own. Only I have desired them

to prevent any just ground they may have of complaining. I recomended to yow a poor Quaker, a coupar. He was certainly in the wrong, but ane hundered pounds Scots is the poor mans all, and it becomes a minister farr better to remitt it ; and I have likewayes charity that this poor man knows not the deeps of Quakerie.

Park Haye's son, the lieutennent, came to me and told me that now, upon the sale of the estat, he would give my sister Lilias ane thousand pounds Scots for her two thousand merks ; and I was told by Brodie and others, that it was more then any creditor gott in her condition. Yow know the gentleman is very civill, and protested that though he was ashamed to offer so litle, yet it was more then any gott ; and therefor, though my sister have losse, I would advise her to accept of it. Remember me to both my sisters. I am at present lame of both feet by the gout, but am still

Yours,

Sr. Ja. Steuart.

For Sir John Maxuell of Nether Pollock, at John Pedies shop in Glascou.

Sir Archibald Stewart of Blackhall to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 16th October 1695.

347. Deare sir, . . . A memorable accident happened within thes 8 or 10 days—a boat belonging to Irland wes split in peices on Elsay. It pleased God, the men escaped safe, with a litle meill. They stayed severall days on the rock, calling vehementlie to all who passed by ; but ether they did not, or wold not hear them. At last, on of my boats passing by in a calm evening, heard the crys, and went to them, took them in, and brought them home, being five men in whole. They declared they had as much meil preserved as wold have served them many days ; but wer so assaulted with incredible numbers of creatures lyke ratts or land miee, that they were affrayed to be devoured by them, and were glade to goe from place to place, leaving some parcells of the meill scattered here and ther behind them, the gleaning up wherof diverted them, els

they judg they wold have fallen upon themselvs in the night season. . . . The Lord bless, guide, and preserve yow long! and so heartilie wishes and prayeth,

Dear sir, your oune humble servant and affectionat cusigne,

A. Stewart.

Ardg[owan,] 16th October (16)95.

For Sir John Maxwell.

Robert Pollok of that Ilk to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok,]
9th March 1696.

348. Dear brother, I doubt not bot ere now yow have heard that yester night betuixt six and seven a'clock at night my Lord Drummond, being alloued to take the air in a garden close to his lodgeings, pretended he had taken a colick and was obleidged to ease nature, and so stept about a pair or tuo distance to the corner of the garden; and Captain Moncreif of Ridie, qho was his guard, nothing doubting of his Lordship's intention to make his escape, stode with some fyve or six more gentlemen qho wear in the garden till he saw him turn the corner, at quhich he presentlie stept up, qher he found anc open door at quhich his Lordship escaped. Bot albeit he instantly rune doun the hill, with the rest with him, could nather sea nor hear of him; nor as yett have wea gotte any acompt, though wea have searched this toun all over, having first planted centries round the same. . . . Dear brother,

Your affectionat brother and humble servant,

Stirling, March the 9th, 1696.

Sir James Steuart, Lord Advocate, to [Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.]

Edinburgh, 2d November 1697.

349. Sir, you may justly wonder at my long silence, but the truth is, the behaveour of my poor daughter hath so confounded me that I formerly could not, and yet knou as litle what to write. A pure and stiff aversion had bein but an ordinarie unhappieness, and altho' it had bein inconstantly and foolishly managed, it had bein at worst an unluckie vexation; but that her aversion should have made her to engage madly with a bareman, and then goe and declare her oun shame and foly to others, is such ruine to herself and confusion to me, that nothing, save the anger of the Lord, could have occasioned such a truble. But He is righteous, and the world a vain thing. Sir, doe not think that my leuity hath had any hand in this management; for I say it to yow in sincerity, I never suffered a greater greiff; and, indeed, did carie the mater so far, that though it had bein in my pouer I would have feared to prevail that way, *ne infelices haberet exitus.* I wrot to Scot, and he made me a return of childish inclinations, since continued, but with deference to me; but that sieing she was like to be forced by her freinds, he had entered in those engagements to prevent her being violented, but if Suintoun would suit her fairely, there were no tyes on his part should hinder her choise. To this I wrot him ansuer as such folie and insolence deserved. I have also discharged all her mother's ill freinds and brock with them; yet nou there is a report that he should be come to Edinburgh; yet she sayes she knoues nothing of it; and others say he is gone back again. In the meantime Suintoun has sheued all patience and goodness, and much more then I could have obliged him to. But the truth is, my case is precisely that I give my daughter for lost as to my worldly comfort, and am only concerned to make her sensible of her sin and foly, and that she may be saved from it. When I have given you this sad and grievous account, you will sone understand why I ansuered nothing about Blackhall; for in truth, I was not in case, nor did I think it fit, in such a disorder in my house, to medle farther in such bussiness; specially since it might better delay till you and Kelburn came to toun. But I have all honour for the gentleman's proposal. I sent your letters to Secretarie Ogilvie and the Lord Chancellour. When the Lord Chan-

cellour, Earl Anna[n]dale, and Lord Raith met, I was with them, and they sone agried to declare the taek void, and that from the first of November, but not from the term preeeeding the peaee, as they might have done: but my Lord Annandale was also for a neu and speedie roup within a fourtnight. My Lord Chaneellour was for waiting to knou the King's pleasure; at least that the day of the neu roup might be so long as it might be knoun. But Earl Annandale said it was to truble the King needlesly, and mar his profit, and only give leasure to negotiators at London; and the Lord Raith, who was not so earnest, brought the day to the nintein, Fryday eome a fourtnight. This will surprise Duke Queinsberry and Earl Argile and both the Seeretaries; for they all think the King's minde should be first knoun. But they say Andreu Mortoun, Woodside, Balgon, and some others, ar the paek that press dispaeh. You uill, I hope, be in nixt weak, for you may see where you was wanted; and I belive the roup uill yet prorogat, though all I aime at is a good offer. I am heartiely sorrie for my sister's affliction. The Lord eomfort and ease her! When you eome in, you uill bring Prineipall Dunlop with you, that the tuo letters about the University and Mr. Carstaires may be presented. I am yours most sineerely, though much afflieted.

HUGH MAXWELL of Dalswinton to SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok,
20th June 1698.

350. Sir, I ame like to fall every day in more and more trouble with the Earl of Nithsdale's tenants of Duneow. For having about a month ago caused east my kain peats in the moss properly belonging, and by the Lords of Session deelared to belong to me; and being intended to have lead them this day, the people of Duneow, (aftir many threatenings to lead them away, but quhieh I belived not they would evir have attempted aftir lawburrowes served against them, and caution found for that effeet,) they eame early this day by the dawning, man, wife, lad, and lass, to the muire, with swords, eorn-forks, pistols, eudgells, and divided themselves in 2 eompanys, the men in one, and women in another, and sat down and planted themselves in the midst of my peats; and I hearing of, and my son George being gone thither, to prevent evil, I

took a notar with me and went to the muire, and took the notar with me and 8 or therby of my tenants, and went vp to the place quhair my peats lay, and quhair Duneow folk had posted themselves; and told them I had no design nor desire to do any disturbance, but only to lead away the peats quhich I had easten in my own ground, quhich was declared by the Lords of Session to belong to me, and vpon whose decreet I had raised laburrowes, and caused charge them, and required them to go away in peace and make no disturbance, othirwayes I would protest against them for breach of the lawburrowes, and caution found thairin. Their answer was, I should lead away none thair that day, for they were easten in my lords ground. I ansuered, the ground was declared to belong to me by a decreet against this Earle's guidschir and father, and that I had read the decreet both to my lord and them, and raised lawburrowes thairvpon. They ansuered that they would take their hazard of the laburrowes and decreet. Wpon quhich I again entreated and required them to remove, and not move trouble to me farther in it. They ansuered as formerly; wpon quhich I the 3d time required them in the King's name to desist from troubling and opposing me, othiruise protested for a contravention of lawburrowes and a ryot. To quhich they declared they would mantain my lords possession, and that I should east [none.] They would not lett me lead no peats thair. Whervpon I told them I would cause some of my tenants fill their seeks, and if they opposed them, let the hazard lye vpon them; and so ordired 4 or 5 to fill their seeks (all the rest being at a bow draught distant with my son). But no sooner did my tenants offir to fill their seeks, but the men ordired the women to fall vpon them and pull the seeks from them, and not let them fill any; which they accordingly did with that violence, that they rugged the seeks from them, and ovirpouered them; which my son seing, he came vp with the men that were with him, and rushing in among them (but without any hurt done to any of them, but one the contrary 5 of my men were slightly blead), wpon quhich they protested for a ryot, and removed, boasting it should be dear enough. This last vpcoming was against my minde and will, which all can bear me witness to. I opposed and prohibited as much as I could. But the truth is, they sought it palpably, and yet gat no harme, but really gave it. I need not tell what cruell expressions they had against me and my son. One said in the street of Dumfries publickly, if I, or any for me, hounded his sheep,

he should see our bloud. Another said yestirday (being the Lords day), they would do good service that would make Dalswintoun's soule go out at his mouth. A third on Saturday sayd of my son, they wished they had him at the back of a hill and his puddings harled out. And many such expressions, and worse, if worse could be. I pray God delivir me from them. But there is no force but I must either do something or part with my right. For I see they ineens'd my lord (who is easie enough that way), and my lord underprops them. They are raising, or have raised, lettirs of lawburrowes before the Counsil against me, tho' they have no ground for it in law or conscience, but that I raised before the Session against them. Sir, I will have but litle time to get caution found (not having gotten yet any double of them); therefore, sir, I beg you may help William Fostir to get the bill of suspension past, and vpon it to gett a sist, or discharge of further execution for a competent time, about 20 days or thairby, till bands of caution can be gotten provided, which will not be easie. The number quhich I guess will be charged not being under 50, if not 60 persons, if not more. I wish I had lett all lye and sleep on as formirly; yet if I had this lawburrowes suspended, I would care litle for the rest; for they will not miss to denunce me and crave my escheet. Therefore, sir, I entreat your assistance to prevent it. I have sent a map or draught of the muire or commoun, and how it lyes invironed with the barony of Dalswintoune vpon the east, south, and west parts, and with Closeburn's lands on the north, and is an unquestionable part of the barony of Dalswintoune. I am, dear sir,

Your most humble servant,

Hu. Maxwell.

Dalswint[on,] Munday 20 June 1698.

For Sir John Maxwell of Nether Pollok, Baronet, Edinburgh. P. payed.

Alexander Porterfield of that Ilk to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

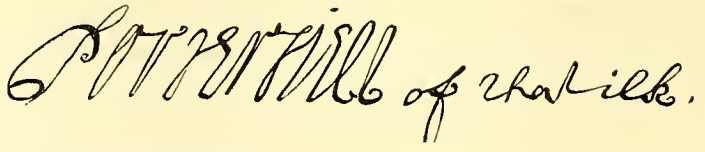
Duchald, June 25, 1698.

351. Sir, there is a peice of imployment putt upon me by my Lady Glencairne much contrary to my inclinatione, to give you the trouble of this lyne in relatione to

[a] small affair that concerns her youngest sone, Patrick. Shee had written to you anent it herself, but her bashfullness would not alou her; and therefore it was putt upon me. It seems the boy was sent up to London with a designe [to] have been bred a seaman; but, unfortunatly, he fell in the French hands, who stripped him, and took from [him] any little money that he had. And, besides, when he came to London, he could not obtain the King's letter, which necesitates him to supplicate his friends for some small releiffe, that he may be putt in a way of living. There is a merchant there that hath promised to take him, if once he were bred a year or so att bookkeeping, quhich a small soume will doe, and after that he needs not be troublesome to any of his freinds, which hath occasioned my ladies applicatione to you, amongst the first and best of his freinds, and to Calderwood and some others, to see what may be done for him. I shall not take upon me to advise you to doe any further in this affair than whether your inclinationes leads you; knowing that they allwayes lead you to that which is generous and good. But if it would not be a hinderance to your other more important affairs, I know my lady expects your answer. However, whatever answer you give to the petitione, I hope you will pardone this peice of trouble given you by him who shall allwayes accompt it his greatest honour to be,

Sir,

Your affectionat cusing and most humble servant,



To Sir John Maxwall of Nether Pollock.

William third Earl of Kilmarnock to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Lord Justice Clerk.

Paisley, May 8th, 1702.

352. My Lord, the honor of your presence heir vpone Thursday nixt, the fourteenth instant, at eight in the morning, to accompany the body of Mr. James Boyd,

my vnele, from the chureh of Paisley towards his buriall place, at the old chureh of Linzie, is humblie intreated by,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble servant,

Kilmarnock

To my Lord Justiee Clark.

JAMES FIRST DUKE OF MONTROSE to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL, LORD POLLOK.]

Glasgow, the 29th September, 1707.

353. My Lord, I hope your Lordship will be so good as to forgive me that I have not waited of yow at Polloek before I leave this eountrie, sinee I endeed deseignd it; and that I was hindered by severall things that I behooved neeessarly to dispateh before I went auaye. I am oblidged to go from hence tomorrow morning towards Edinburgh. I shall make no furder appologie; sinee I am persu[a]ded your Lordship does me the justiee to belive that I am, with great esteem and sen[e]erety, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble faithfull servant,

MONTROSE.

I am Mrs. Lelias' most humble servant.

Indorsed by Lord Pollok: "Duke of Montrose to Sir John Maxwell, when " his Graee went to the first British Parliament to sitt at Westminster, " 23 Oetober 1707, 29th September 1707."

The REVEREND ROBERT WOODROW, Minister of Eastwood, to SIR JOHN MAXWELL, Lord Pollok.

Glasgow, November 20, 1707.

354. My Lord, it was only this morning that I had the eertain information of this matter that I give you this trouble about. My eorrespondenee with this place is mueh broke up sinee my father's death, otherwise it's like I might have heard

it sooner. But as soon as ever I had any certain aeeounts, I eounted it deuty to your lordship and the parish of Eastwood, and my self, to aequaint you without delay. I find the magistrates and ministers of this plaee have had severall confcrences about a call to me. It seems I must have one distresse upon the baek of anothcr, and a way of judgments. I pray I may be helped to suitable exercise. I hear the Provest was ordered at their last eonference to speak with your Lordship about this affair at Edinburgh; and I have that intire eonfidence in you that I am under noe apprehensions from you though you should be attacked befor this come to hand. This impertinent, talkative place surmize very loudly a great many foolish storys, quhieh I would not once insinuat (for they make not the least impression upon me) to your Lordship, if it wer not that I think they make it necessary that you open some peaple's eyes, and let them see their folly in beliving such storys. I am farr from prescribing to you any particular in this affair. I knou your prudeuce and steadiness will direct you better then any thing I can suggest; but I think a letter from your Lordship to the magistrates, or any one of them you judge convenient, to be communicate, might doe some service, sheuing hou unneighbourly this attempt is, and hou disobliging this will be to you and the other heritours concerned; yea, hou unjust and unreasonable sueh a deseing is. I fear we shall bulk litle in a judicatory quheu laid in ballance uith Glasgou, if ever it come that lenth; and therfor, if possible, I would have this crushed in the embrio. I shall make noe apology for myself, because I belive you have noe suspicions of me. I can say this affair, both as to body and spirit, is like to distresse and crush me more then any thing I ever mett uith. If your lordship think fitt to write a smart letter to them on this affair, I shall take care to get it delivred. I expect your lordship's advice and mind by post, as soon as you please. I have nothing from this country to acquaint you uith; and really this attempt has put other things much out of my mind. My humble service to Mistress Lillias. I had hers by W. Lauson, and have taken care aeeordingly, and quhat she wrote by Archbald I have put in Mistress Peridy's hand, who will send them by some sure hand. I am, my Lord,

Your very mueh oblidged and most humble servant,

Robt Eon

To the right honorable my Lord Pollock, at his lodgings at Edinburgh.

The Reverend Robert Wodrow, Minister of Eastwood, to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Eastwood, November 27, 1707.

355. My Lord, just non, as I come home from the synodicall comitty at Irvine, I receive yours of the 24, quhich is very much easing to my spirit. I cannot expresse my sense of your lordship's kindness to me and this place, and I doe not love to expresse it to your self very much. I am extreamly satisfyed with the provost's promise to desist, and I hope he will shou himself a man of his word. The impertinent forwardness of some, who, I shall not say dispise goverment, but certainly don't give that respect to the magistracy that wer suitable, made it most proper that he should not be altogether loaded with it. I hope your lordship's letter will very much strenthen his hands; and I am sure it is soe just, and home to the purpose, as might put ane effectuall stope to this unhappy bussiness. I hope your lordship's kind pains in this affair shall have the desired effect, and I shall not fail to acquaint you hou things goe. I have not been in Glasgou since I wrote last to you, but I shall see what information I can have of the leaders in this affair; but, really, I am nou soe litle in that place, and there are soe feu I dare speak to on this head, that I doubt if I come much speed. I suspect the ministers, at least many of them, are not fond of it; and I doubt it comes from a mobb, that it seems must manage that place. I fear a fast in the English style will goe very ill doun in this country, and if it could be smoothed and reduced to somquhat of our old job-trott, and be intimate upon application from the comission, or (if they sitt not) the presbytery of Edinburgh, to the councill, it might prevent much grumbling; and if the day be keept, the Government will, I hope, be satisfyed. I am perswaded, who ever appoint, we have many sad grounds of fasting. I have litle to acquaint you from Irwine. Mr. Warner, the minister, has demitted, and we have accepted his dimission. There is such a breach between him and the magistrates as made it necessary. Gembles bussiness, upon the deposition of witnesses, looks still more suspiciouse. The justices of peace in that shire have regulate servants' fees, and ordered publick intimation of it; but I see not hou

it shall be excecute. The láird of Corsby had your lordship most kindly remembred this day. I give my most humble service to Mistress Lillias. I am, my Lord,

Your very much oblidged and most humble servant,

Rot. Wodrow.

To the right honorable my Lord Pollock at his lodgings, Edinburgh.

Sir James Stewart, Lord Advocate, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok.]

Edinburgh, 14th August 1708.

356. My Lord, the day after you parted I heard of your faschieuse adventure, by losing your cloakbag, but was well satisfied to understand, on Tusday, that it was found and restored without any loss, but, on the contrary, I am sure, with the advantage, that you will make your servants more carefull in tyme coming. When I heard on Tusday that it was found, I was under so sharp a fit of the gout in my left heel that I could neither write to you nor my sister, but I hope she hath got back her two notes. I have no news to give you; but I hope my sister Lilly, for annualrent, will send me stinking cheese. Mr. William Carmichael was with me since you left this place, and told me he had been looking for the Earl of Glasgow; because, in the treaty you had with his father about your cusin, Mr. Maxwell, you had said you would refer all conditions to the Earl of Glasgow and me. I told him that the Earl had been in town, and came only and gave me a standing visit, and was gone west; but when he returned, that matter might be prosecut. He spoke to me a litle of his father's demand about the fee of the estate. I told him that, if they did well, they should not be strict on that head, because I knew you was somewhat nice upon it, but I was perswaded that there was no hazard. My Lord, I only write this to you, that you may see they mind your proposal, and that you may prosecut it as you think meet. You have my Lord Glasgow in the west, and you may also take your own way with my Lord Hyndfoord. But I am of opinion that,

if you please to insist, the matter may be adjusted; and I shall be ready to receive your farder commands when the Earl of Glasgow returns. All of us remember you and my sister and Mr. Maxwell with all duty and affection. I am, my Lord, yours,

Sr. Ja. Steuart.

James Stuart, younger of Blackhall, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollock, 14th March 1709.

357. Right honorable and my dear Lord, I knou not hou to make the just acknolegements I oue your Lordship for the honor you doe me by your letter of the first current, nor what suitable returns to give to the kind concern you are pleased to express in it for my health. You knou the wounds of ane scorpion are cured by its oyle; so I trust in God's goodness. The rod of his affliction is much sueetned to me by the heartie resignatione he hes taught me to all his dispensations, whether prosperous or adverse; and he that reproveth God, let him answer for it, as in Job.

My Lord, it may appear arrogance in me to offer my thoughts upon what you are pleased to write me of the articles of marriage concerted betuixt your cusing and the Earl of Hynfoord's daughter; yet since you have taken the trouble to transmitt them to me as to your friend, I shall give your Lordship my opinion with my wonted freedom. And first, my Lord, I think you have chosen a good familie, ane that is honorable as well as orthodox, and I nothing doubt the ladie is such also. Nixt, I think her tocher, and the provision you make for their entertainment and her joynture, all suitable, and such as you can easilie spare, and the pouer reserved to your lordship to burden the estate with a considerable sume is necessar to strengthen the tyes of honor, duetie, and affection, which is the tribute they ought ever thankfullie to pay to your lordship; and no doubt care is taken that this reservation does no wayes clash with that other clause whereby you are tyed up from doing any gratuitous deed in prejudice of the provisions made in favors of the heirs of the marriage. And thus, my lord, I have, under correction, adventured to give you my sentiments on't. It remains onlie that I wish a happie conclusion to the whole; to the

parties ane joyfull and happie confarreation (to speak in lau termes), and to your lordship all the content and satisfaction you can propose to your self by making such ane honorable and prudent settlement of your familie.

I must nou take leave to give your lordship thanks for recomending my affairs to Walter, which, I hope, shall have good effect with him, tho' it hes not prevailed with him to applie for getting the rents sequestrate, which was my main aim, and which, indeed, was the best office could have been donc to the familie. I wish the golden opportunitie be not lost; I'm sure I runn a great risque on't. Houever, your lordship is the best hand can help it. I'm loath to complain of my friends, especiallie at this distance; onlie allou me to inform your lordship that I find him very uneasie in my bussiness, and that in most, if not all, of it, he runns counter both to my interest and repeated orders, which I shall demonstrate to your lordship, if ever I be so happie as to see you here. Meanwhilc, let me still recomend this familie, my self, and your litle god-son, to your wonted favor and generous protection; and beleive me on all occasions to be as ever, my Lord,

Your lordship's most obliged humble servitour, and most affectionat cusing,

J. Stuart.

Ardgouan, 14 March 1709.

Your money lyes readie in Milbrae's hands.

To the right honorable my Lord Pollock,
at his logings in Edinburgh.

John first Duke of Atholl to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok.

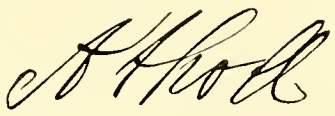
London, March 17, 1711.

358. My Lord, sincc the Master of Rosse, my brother-in law, goes on the incouradgement he has had from your lordship, I make no question but you will doe your part to put soon a happy conclusion to his marriadge, which, I assure your Lordship, will be an addition to the kindnesses you have alwayes showen me.

And this I can say, that I am perswaded the lady that marries him will be happy in a good humoured, sober gentleman.

I am, my Lord,

Your Lordship's affectionatt freind and humble servantt,



To my Lord Pollock att Edinburgh, Scotland,
[re-addressed] att Nether Pollok, Glasgow.

Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, New England, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok.

Boston, N. England, 25$^{d.}$ 1$^{m.}$ 1711, [25 March 1711.]

359. Honourable Sir, the most undeserved, and as much unexpected, respect which your university has putt upon your American servant, calls for most grateful acknowledgments. But in your single hand, when signing the noble token of your love, I see nothing less than a whole university, and a testimony of kindness written by a friend of so superior a quality. Surely I should bind it as a crown unto me.

Your merits are better known, Syr, in these distant regions, than your various titles of honour; my leaving of which unmentioned, is owing to my fear of committing some mistake thro' an ignorance in them, which will not alwayes continue; and that which further apologizes for my omission is, my assurance of your being above them all. The name of so learned, so pious, and so meritorious a Maxwel, the rector of such an university as that of *Glasgow*, will signify more than a *Lord of the Sessions*, or any other *Lordship*.

The Rectorate of a famous Colledge has before now had that account given of it: "*Sceptrum illud scholasticum plus habet sollicitudinis quam pulchritudinis, plus curæ quam auri, plus impedimenti quam argenti.*" But the public spirit of such a Maxwel, and his excellent zeal to serve the best interests, carries

him thro' the serviees whieh he is doing to the kingdome of God in the oversight of one of its most hopeful nurseries.

I beg your honour's pardon for what your sagacity may discover improper in an address I have made unto you of some "*Testimonies for Christianity.*" The proeeeding of the ship on her voyage from henee, before our press could finish more eonsummate expressions of my gratitude for the civility with whieh you havc lately distinguished me, has made me fall into this præcipitation. If Heaven please to spare my life, I shall make up these defeets, repair these errors, and endeavour a better demonstration that I have a due sense of what you have intended.

I am well aware that your intention has been to encourage, and qualify, and fortify mc in my small essayes, to serve the interests of Christ and of his truth and ehurch, and very partieularly in the North-British Garden of God: and I hope the rest of my little time in the world will be applied that way, with the vigour to whieh you have given such an animation.

At this time I take leave, and break off with the old Jewish good wishes, מחיה מתים יתן לך חיים ארוכים טובים ומתוקנים, and subscribe, your honour's most thankful, sineere, and humble servant,

Cotton Mather

To the honourable Sir John Maxwel, Rcetor of the University of Glasgow.

DAME HELENOR NICOLSONE, Wife of Sir John Shaw of Greenock, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL, Lord Pollok.]

Edinburgh, 10 Aprile 1711.

360. My Lord, I have this day the favor of yours; and after giveing your Lordship thanks for interesting yourselfe so kindely in our affair, and particularly as to the preliminary off the military dimissione, please to know that I shall be ready, against the tymc yow writc of, to treatc with my Lord Ross and his freinds, in order to bring that bussincss to a conclusione.

My Lord, the confidence I have in your Lordship's freindship, as weelle as the justiee of your temper, makes your presenee heirin verry neeessary to me; and therfor, as I hope it shall be without any prejudice to your Lordship's health, so I shall ever aeeompt it a singular favor done to,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most oblidged and humble servant,

A. Nicolsone.

Indorsed by Lord Pollok: "The Lady Greenok to Sir John Maxwell, about her daughter's marieage with the Master of Ross."

Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, to Dr. Cotton Mather of Boston, New England, 3d September 1711.

361. Reverend and worthie sir, I had the honour and kyndnes of yours of the 25th Mareh last, together with four verie good ehristian peiees delyvered to me by my good freind and your old acquaintanee, Mr. James Broune, one of our ordinar ministers in Glasgow, whieh I have perused, and thinks them usefull for persons of all stations, therby to learn to doe good and advanee pietie, and be serviceable to God in ther generation: for whieh I doe return my humble thanks most kyndly.

I was surpryzed at the eharaeter and testimonie yee are pleased to give me, which I rather impute to your eharitie then that I ean justly deserve it; though I had the happienes to be deseended of a father, the late Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, who died in the year 1677, and my mother, whose name was Annabell Stewart: They wer indeed bright paterns of piety and wisdom, and weell esteemed of all that knew them.

All our University of Glasgow are verie sensible of the civill and respectfull returns yee have made for the aeademicall honour wee sent yow; and I may say, though my father and grandfather hath served as reetors ther, yet I doe not know it hath been more deservedly given to any then your self, who hath been so usefull in the work of the ministrie in these plaees, and whose paines and literature appeares in your other works, partieularly in that book of

yours called the Magnalia Dei, by whieh I gott more elear instruction of the diffieultics your predeeessors had in setting up the first plantatione both of a colonie and a famous ehureh ther, after the seattering of a worthie pious people from England upon the unnecessar impositions putt upon them, whieh it seemes God hath wonderfully improven, and may be matter of great meditation and thanks to his goodnes and mereie, that therby the light of the gospell may be sent to these poor pagan Indians in the eountries beyond yow. And I am glad to take the oeeasion of acquaintance with Dr. Cotton Mather that when occasion offers, whieh may be more frequent then befor, by our ships comeing direetly to and from Clyde, the port of Glasgow, whieh I beleive may be every quarter or half year, wee may hear both how the gospell prospers in your eountrie, how far new ground is taken in,—I mean Christianity planted what seminaries of learning—and what progress therein, or any thing of that kynd yee think fitt to impart, which I know would be verie aeeeptable to severall of your brethren heir, partieularly to one Mr. Robert Woodroue, minister of Eastwood, the parish wher I live. And if after this yee shall favour me with any return of that kynd, yee may direct it to my self, or in absence, to Mr. Woodroue, as above, for my imployment in the Session ealls me to live the full half of the year at Edinburgh. He is a young man about 33 yeares; verie diligent in his ministrie, of good literature for his standing, and verie eurious to know how it goes with other reformed ehurches. Pardon my familiarity in recomending this person to your aequaintanee, besyd our ministers of Glasgow, of whom yee have heard; but that I think it may be of good use both to yow and him afterwards, if any sueh eorrespondence be keeped up, and he will earefully transmitt what yee wryte to me, and give yow his oune return. The reading of your father's books and your oune does give me so perfeet ane idea of the men, whylst I think yee are speakeing to me, that it gives me full assureanee of your love and best wishes to all the honest people of this eountrey, as I doubt not all of ours wishing the lyke to yours, and will be most aeeeptable to hear from yow. And wherin I can serve yow in this plaee, yee may verie freely eomand, sir,

Your most reall and humble servant,

J. M.

To Dr. Cotton Mather in Bostoun, New England.

Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, New England, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok.

Boston, N. England, 12$^{d.}$ 6$^{m.}$ 1712.

Nota [by Lord Pollok]. They begin the year the 25 March, and reckone the moneths by number from that; so that the date is the 12th September 1712.

362. Honourable Syr, it was not until very lately that I received the honour of your letters, which you so many months ago intended me: an honour, whereof if I should not be very sensible, my ingratitude would be inexcusable. The intercourse by letters which you have now allow'd me, I shall be ambitious to cultivate, as one of the more special mercies wherewith a gracious God has favoured me, on the score both of my high value for the person who gives me that allowance, and for the opportunities which it may bring with it for some comprehensive services to the Kingdome of our dearest Saviour. Tho' my correspondencies are very many, and it engrosses more than a little time and care to answer the expectations which a great number of correspondents in many parts of Europe, as well as of America, are pleased to honour me withal; yett I know none that I shall be more fond of cherishing than yours, and I wish I may not carry it on to the degree of troublesome. One of my first essayes to give a public testimony of my esteem for you, is to be seen in a little book of *Pastoral Desires*, which I now humbly tender to your acceptance, and unto your universities. There is a famous book in the English nation, entituled, *The Whole Duty of Man*, which I take to be but a corrupt and a very defective one. I shall be sorry if our brief, plain, American *Whole Duty of Man*, do not handle the matter (I trust in the Lord it will be found so happy) with more of regard unto those points of duty which are of all the most considerable, and I shall be very glad if it find a favourable reception with you that are among the best of judges. Our presses in this town are continually bringing forth new productions for the service of our holy religion, whereof more than two hundred, such as they are, have passed from the mean hand that is now writing to you. But as I have had a variety of subjects, and places, and occasions to consider in

these very imperfect composures, I reckon myself under very strong obligations to employ what of my studies I can afford for the service of the best interests in the dear church of Scotland—a church which I beleeve the glorious Lord will tender as the apple of his eye, and the dearly beloved of his soul. The relation unto it into which the undeserved notice you have taken of me has brought me, will oblige me to study all possible wayes of being to the best of my small capacities and abilities useful unto it. But there is a good natured maxim whereof you will grant me the benefitt, "*In magnis voluisse sat est.*" And the necessary labour of all the pastoral offices to the greatest congregation in America, and one of the greatest in the world, and the continual resort which all the churches in all these northern colonies have to the meannest of men on their frequent occasions, and many more employments both at home and abroad, needless to be mentioned, require a greater strength than mine to do the things that are to be done in any measure as they ought to be done. Having thus intimated the reasons you have to expect the marks of much feebleness on all my poor essayes to serve you, or any good interests, I will go on to give you some account of our American circumstances.

The churches in the New English colonies are multiplying. Every year brings forth new ones in our swarming plantations. The City of God is building among us in these troublous times. The difference between Presbyterian and Congregational is hardly known in our churches, few being rigid in either way, and both sweetly agreeing in a temper which makes all turn upon substantial piety. In this large town of Boston, which contains near ten thousand souls, there are, I suppose, not near half of one thousand who profess themselves of the church of England. Tho' that church has all the encouragements imaginable from our Governours given to it, yett it increases not, except from strangers coming in among us. We live in a very quiet and easy neighbourhood with them in this town: but of late in two or three countrey towns a small number of people—scarce the proportion of seven families to an hundred—and many of those having a vicious character as well as a factious intention, have grown vexatious, as your Episcopalian Jacobites are with you. They declare for the *church of England*, tho' they know no more of it than the religion of Confucius: they demand heirupon an exemption from taxes to the established ministry and they hope the Society for propagating Religion in foreign parts will be so

imposed upon as to send over missionaries to them and support them; and instead of providing for ungospellized places, rather furnish little crews of ill men with tools, to disturb the churches which are in more evangelical circumstances than any part of the church of England as by law established can pretend unto.

The supply of our churches has been from our colledge, but how long that may continue, after high church governours come to manage it, God only knowes. An Act of the Assembly did once incorporate the colledge, and in that year, before or after which the colledge has never had power to do such a thing, they presented my father with his doctorate. The King repealed that Act, with a direction to renew it with more power left for the royal visitation. One retardation fell out after another, so that it was never done, but the colledge has a subsistence altogether precarious, with about fifty students in it; and tho' it holds commencements, wherein the degrees of Bachelour and Master are dispensed, yett it has been rather by a connivence of the present governour affording his presence at them, than with any legitimate proceedings.

Many of our candidates for the Ministry prove serious and hopeful young men; but I could wish more of them were more qualified and inclined for evangelical undertakings at places which are at some distance from us, where there is a want of such desireable instruments. In this your students begin to sett an excellent exemple. I have been in extreme distress for the colonies of North America, which are to the southward of ours; that is to say, New York, Jersey, Pensylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Our glorious Lord has a precious harvest there, but the labourers are too few, and the enemies pretty powerful. The ministers who are labouring there are very valuable men, and the late accession of Mr. George Gillespie to them doubtless gives them no little consolation. I have written to him, and to the people there, as much as I can, for his encouragement; but if a fund could be settled for the support of, suppose two missionaries, for a year or two, and then for a succession, it being supposed that the predeccssors will in that time have gathered a church and become settled in the charge of it, it would unquestionably be attended with excellent consequences. In the mean time we are alarumed with an advice that the French of Canada (who, by the base treachery and cowardice of the expedition which miscarried a year ago, are left in a condition which threatens the

extirpation of the whole British interest in America. And what care some tho' it be extirpated? I say, the French of Canada) have poisoned all the Indians at our backs, from Canada down even to Carolina, so that they begin every where to make hostile appearanees. If sueh a ealamity goes on, all the British eolonies, especially in the more up-land parts of them, will have an uneasy time of it; and yett, who ean tell how far ealamity may prepare them to receive a glorious gospel, to which they have been too mueh indisposed?

But methinks I begin to forgett the ancient rule, *Epistola non debet implere manum legentis.* For this time, I will therefore break off, and with hearty supplieations to our great Saviour that you may live yett many dayes, and be employ'd by him in doing of yett more benefitt for the world, and for his people in it, and multiply his blessings on your honourable family, I subscribe,

Your honour's most sineere and humble servant,

Cotton Mather.

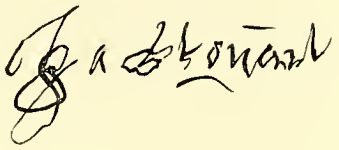
To the honourable Sir John Maxwel of Polloek.

Sir James Stewart, Lord Advocate, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, 23d April 1713.

363. My Lord, I, your friend, whom you love, am sick unto death, wherin I doubt not your sympathy, and am also hopefull that it shall be to the glory of God. I have, therefore, thought fitt hereby to send you my solemn blessing upon your person and family, that God may give you a prosperous health and happy peaee in the end; that you may also see your family established as you have designed: for whieh end, I pray God to bless Mr. John and his lady. I heartily recommend to you my sister Lilly, that you eontinue your kindness to her with all comfort; and I herewith send her my hearty and best blessing in Jesus Christ, for tyme and for eternity. I need not recommend to you my dear wife and ehildren. I know you will eontinue your friendship for all of them sin-

eerely ; speeially to keep them in peace and love—the blessing I heartily pray for from God to both you and all mine, and am,

Yours most affeetionat and faithfull unto death,



Edinburgh, 23d Aprile 1713.

To my Lord Polloek, Glasgow,—haste.

Dr. Cotton Mather, Boston, to Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok.

Boston, N. England 24$^{d.}$ 2$^{m.}$ [*i.e.* April] 1713.

364. Honourable Sir, diverse months ago I did myself the honour of writing to you, and of presenting to you a small American production with your name in the Dedication of it, which I hope has come safe to your hands. There has nothing occurr'd since then in this countrey worthy of your notice, but that we have a growing prospect of peace with our salvages, and the wastes which the fire had made in our capital town are very much re-edified, and in much more splendid circumstances than were seen before the desolation. Methinks I therein see a little emblem of what will befal the dear Church of Scotland, and in what splendor it will appear after all that they who seek to devour it may do unto it. I congratulate unto that church of the Lord His wondrous favours to it, in the excellent men whom He bestows upon it, and pray that such burning and shining lights may be continued and multiplied.

And, therefore, you will allow me to wish for you, Syr, that you may be long spared, as a blessing unto His whole church, and more particularly unto your famous university ; and that arriving to old age, you may not only have an *εὐγηρία*, beyond any mentioned by Tully in his *De Senectute*, or the other Roman, but also have that *good old age* described by my dear Calvin, in words worthy of transcribing. "Tenendum est præcipuam partem bonæ senectutis in bonâ conscientiâ, animo sereno et tranquillo consistere ; unde sequitur non-

nisi in alios institire cultores comparere quod Deus Abrahæ promittit;" and that you may then say, from an happy experience with Drusius, "Mihi senectus melior quàm ipsa juventus:" and like Georgias Leontinus, at CVII., be able to declare, "Nihil habeo propter quod seneetutem meam aeeusem:" and yett, not to be too long out of the paradise of God, will be for us the best of all!

In the meantime, among your entertainments, I ask an aceeptanee of a few more American eomposures of the latest publieation, as a small token of a very great respeet from, sir,

Your honour's most sincere servant,

Co. Mather.

To the right honourable my Lord of Polloek.

John Stirling, Principal of the College of Glasgow, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], 1st Mareh 1717.

365. My Lord, the oecasion of this will, I suppose, be as great a surprise to your Lordship as it hath been afflieting and surprising to me. It is the madness of a faction formed in this society while I was at Edinburgh, which I never perceived till yesterday, when the Faculty mett for eontinuing your Lordship Rector, which I thoght I had no reason, on many aecounts, to doubt of; but found my self soon mistaken, for when I ask'd if they were for continuing our Rector, excepting our Dean, the Professor of Divinity, Mr. Ross, Mr. Morthland, and myself, they all declared they were not for continuing your Lordship. It being in the afternoon, I told them a new choiee was impraeticable, for there was not time to affix a program, to adjust a list, and prepare the students for choosing a fitt person. And therefore, in order to the engaging them to reconsider so indiscreet a resolution, I mov'd that, in regard I was obliged to attend tuo burials in the evening, we shou'd adjourn our meeting till 6 in the evening, in hopes that some of them might be broght to a better temper against that time; but this they wou'd not agree to. Upon which our Dean, the Professor, Messrs. Ross and Morthland, and I withdrew. Afterwards they sent Mr. Forbes and Mr. Dunlop to acquaint me they wou'd wait on us at 6. I told them I shou'd, in eonjunetion with the rest who had withdrawn with me, meet and

commune with them; which accordingly we did. I did then complain that they had entred into such a concert without acquainting me; that it was disrespectfull to your Lordship, to whom we ow so much, and who has been so long an honour to the society; and therefore mov'd that they shou'd reconsider their vote, especialy since it was not written and signed, and therefore not compleated, and doe ourselves the honour to continue your Lordship Rector, who, I had reason to beleive, had no desire to continue but out of regard to the good of the university. But all that cou'd be said by the Dean, Professor, and myself, did not prevail on a sett of men who, it seems, were entred into a combination to affront the society; and therefore, tho' they urged that there shou'd be a vote to affix a program, even after seven at night, I did refuse to constitute a faculty and act in it with them, and did, with the above named persons, withdraw from them.

The persons who staid behind to prosecut their factious concert were Mr. Forbes, Dr. Jonston, Messrs. Carmichall, Loudun, Dunlop, Rob, Simson, and Dick, who shortly after followed us with a notar, to require me by way of instrument to concurr with them to affix a program; to which I presently made answer that the time was elapsed. However, this day the above named persons presum'd to meet without either Principal or Dean, and act as a faculty, in order to the choosing a new Rector; and having got together and classed their scholars, have chosen Mr. William Muir Rector, who, I hope, is a wiser man than to accept of an disorderly and illegall election, which I can never homologat.

My Lord, my heart is so full, I know not how to express myself when I consider how ungratefully and unworthily your Lordship has been treated by these men who, all of them, ow their places to your goodness, which they have wretchedly abused. They have affronted the society, and made us a reproach, and their unaccountable behaviour has given me the deepest wound I ever got with respect to society affairs. The Duke of Montrose is by this post acquainted, and I hope will resent this indignity. Be pleased to excuse the lenth of this. I am, with the greatest honour,

My Lord,

Your Lordships most humble and most obliged servant,

Jo. Stirling.

C[ollege,] Glasg[ow], 1 March 1717.

JAMES FIRST DUKE OF MONTROSE, Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL, Lord Pollok.]

London, March 12, 1716/7.

366. My Lord, I have received, with a very sensible concern, full accounts of what happened lately in the Colledge of Glasgow, and could not but take the first opportunity of expressing to your Lordship the just resentment I have of the unworthy treatment yow have mett with at the hands of the society. Your Lordship may justly under value it, but yow litle deserved it from men who ought raither to have been proud of expressing upon every occasion the sense they ought to have had of your many good offices to them and the society. As this step has been made absolutely without my knowledge, I look upon it as ane indignity done to myself, and have taken care that it shall be understood I look upon it as such.

If those gentlemen will be prudent enough to follow the advice I have given, I shall hope to see ane end of the divisions soon; if not, such methods must be fallen upon as may effectually prevent the like intolerable breaches for the future.

Your Lordship will doe me the favour to present my humble service to Mr. Maxwell, my Lady Ann, and Mrs. Lillias; and beleive that I am alwayes with the greatest truth, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and faithfull servant,

MONTROSE.

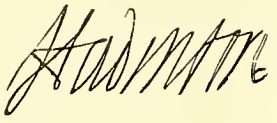
THOMAS SIXTH EARL OF HADDINGTON to [SIR JOHN MAXWELL, Lord Pollok,]. 12th March 1717.

367. My Lord, I was very much surprised to hear of the division that was in the university of Glasgow, and that my son was so active in voteing for a new Rector. I hope your Lordship will belive he got no manner of encouragment from me to do so. I have allways had such a respect for you, that I am sorry any son of mine should appear so idly as he hath done; but I hope you will

attribute it to his ehildishnes, and to the ill adviee of the other boys, who like any thing of ehange, so that they gett the play by it. I hope he shall no more shew himself as he hath done. I am sure if he doth, he or his advieers shall gett but small thanks from him who is, with all the sineerity in the world,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble servant,



London, 12 Mareh 171$\frac{6}{7}$.

Mr. John Stirling, Prineipal of the College of Glasgow, to [Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok], 22d Mareh 1717.

368. My Lord, when I returned to Glasgow, I found there was a letter from our Chaneellour to your Lordship, and one also to me; but Mr. Maxuell having told severals that your horses were to be sent in to Edinburgh, it was confidently said they went off on Tuesday last. Nor was it eontradicted till yesterday, otherwise I had done myself the honour to have written by Wednesday's post; and the letter from the Duke had been also sent, but that your Lordship was expeeted home this week. I aequainted Gorthie this evening that we were under a mistake, who promised the letter shou'd be sent in by this night's post.

By his Graee's to me, I understand his displeasure at the extraordinary proeeedings of the seven eleetors; and he expresseth a just resentment at the indignity done to your Lordship, and takes a large share of it to himself. He tells me he had reeeaved from them two letters, but did not think it fitt for him to direet any ansuer to them, but had written to Gorthie to eommunieat his mind to them. What he points at in mine, and that to Gorthie is, that they must drop their new reetor, and undoe what they have done. Gorthie not being in toun for some days, cou'd not eommunieat the letter to them till yesternight. He told me he had been with them, but that they had given him little satisfaetion. He left the Duke's letter with them, that they might make some return to what he is pleased to propose. What ansuer they'l make I

cannot tell; but I'm apt to think, if they be obstinat, and will not offer the reparation to your Lordship, which the ehancellour thinks just in the first place, that they will draw on themselves sueh resentment as may make some of them repent their stifness. For I understand his Grace, before he wrot, took the advice of all his freinds and intimates at London, and, being firm of himself and so ripely advised, he will not so easily yeild to our mutineers as they may fancy. However, the letter to your Lordship will give yow an oceasion of writing, wherein, as I hope yow will, so I beg yow'il be pleased to write with that freedom whieh the order and peaee of the socicty yow have so long been at the head of do's eertainly require. But this I have presumed to write with an absolute submission to your Lordship's better judgement.

I am, with great honour and respeet, my Lord,

Your Lordship's most humble and most obliged servant,

Jo. Stirling.

C[ollege,] Glasg., 22 March 1717.

Brigadier Thomas Maxwell to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok.

Barbados, April 29th 1718.

369. Sir, this waites on you by Mr. Allexander Oehterlony, to acknowledg the reeeipt of yours of the 6th of Novembcr last, whieh was brought me by the young man, Mr. Jamcs Maxwell, whome you are pleas'd to recommend to my favour and countinanee. I doe assure you, sir, as I think my selfe most happy when I can execute your eommands, so you may depend nothing shall be wanting which is in my power to do him all the service I am capable of. He lives now with a merehant in our towne, and seems to be very earefull and industrious in his buissiness, and he well knows there is roome enough in this island for such sort of people to improve therc fortunes. As to the other young gentleman (Mr. Allexander Dundas) you are pleas'd to mention in your letter to me, I haue for sometime bin very intemately aequainted with him, and haue a very great friendship for him; and must say he is as well respected in this island as any merchant that has traded here, and that he truly deserves the same. He has bin gon from henee sometime, bound for Holland. I shou'd be

glad to hear he is well. Sir, as I greatly respect you, and am proud to serve you, so I beg you'l command at all times,

Sir,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

THO. MAXWELL.

The gentleman who is bearer to this is a young man who came from Scotland about twelve months since to his uncle, the reverrend Gilbert Ramsey, minister of the parish I live in, who has not his health hear, so now returnes to Scotland, and has promis'd to deliver this with my most humble service to you and yours.

T. M.

To the honorable John Maxwell.

SIR JOHN MAXWELL of Pollok to BRIGADIER THOMAS MAXWELL in Barbadoes.

Pollok, 26 August 1718.

370. Worthie sir, I had the kyndnes of yours of the 29th April last by Mr. Ouchterlonie, who satisfied me much by giveing me a particular accompt of your weelfare and your familie, more then ever I had befor. Sir, I doe observe by yours a particular straine of kyndnes that runnes in your vaines to those of our name, both to myself, though not upon accompt of any merit, and to the young lad I recomended to yow, which makes me think yee have taken it from your originall countrey to the other syde of the wordle wher yee now live; and I wish may be long continowed to inherit the good report yee have of those that are best acquaint with yow, and withall to be usefull to all your freinds, and to any honest people of our name that comes your way.

I did showe yours both to Mr. Dundas and his worthie father, my Lord Arnistoune, that they might see the honest testimoney ye give of young Mr. Dundas, one who, I hope, weell deserves by any thing I can see. He dyned with me this day, and kyndly remembered yow and your familie. I most also now recomend a brother of his, Mr. Charles Dundas, who, it's lyke, may be the beirer of this, being to goe in a ship from Leith to your countrey, and hitherto

hath had the testimony of a verie disereet, sober youth. Sir, I know not wherin I can serve yow heir, else I would willingly laye myself to doe it. But it's lyke, by reason of your long absenee from your oune eountrey, yee may be at a loss for want of authentick documents for your descent, and the regular bearing of the armes of the familie from whieh yee are descended, with eongruous differenees to be reeorded in our Lyon King-at-Armes his bookes, and his seall appended therto. And if yee have not alreadie had it done, let me know, and any further instructions about it shall be observed and transmitted with the first oceasion, without any further trouble to yow, if God eontinoue me in health. I am so far informed that your father or grandfather [who] died elect bishop of Bath and Wells, in England, was eome of the familie of Maxwells of Teiling, in Angus, now altogether extinet, and that his wyfe was of the name of Burnett, sister to the late Dr. Burnet, Arehbishop of St. Andrewes.

Direet yours to Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, Barronett, one of the Senatores of the Colledge of Justice in North Brittaine, and it eannot miscarie, wee are all so weell knoune all Brittaine over.

[To Brigadier Thomas Maxwell, in Barbadocs.]

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1. Robert de Croc, *c.* 1150.
2. Nicholas de Mearns, *c.* 1170.
3. William of Coningburcht, *c.* 1270.
4. Thomas Boyd Lord of Kilmernow, 1400.
5. Archibald Earl of Douglas, 1416.
6. Catherine of Setovn, Lady of Dernele and Maxwell, 1430.

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1. Herbert de Makvswell, 1296.
2. John, son of Herbert de Makeswel, 1296.
3. Sir John Maxwell, Lord of Pollok, 1400.
4. Sir Robert Maxwele, Lord of Calderwood, 1416.
5. George Maxvell of Carnsaloche, 1477.
6. John fourth Lord Maxwell, 1495.
7. John Maxwell of Pollok, 1503.
8. John Maxwell of Pollok, 1505.
9. William Maxwell, son of John Maxwell of Pollok, 1527.
10. Robert Maxwell, Bishop of Orkney, 1536.

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1. John Maxwell of Pollok, 1536.
2. Robert sixth Lord Maxwell, 1551.
3. Sir John Maxwell of Terregles, afterwards Lord Herries, 1553
4. Sir John Maxwel of Pollok, 1586.
5. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 1594.
6. Mr. William Maxwell, first of Springkell, 1633.
7. Hugh Maxwell, first of Dalswinton, 1670.
8. Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 1673.
9. Sir John Maxwell, Lord Pollok, 1680.
10. Sir Walter Maxwell of Pollok, 1760.

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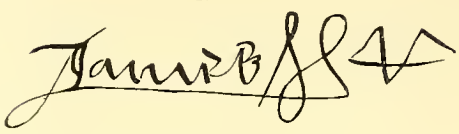

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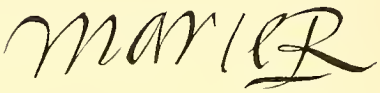

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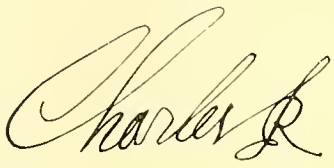

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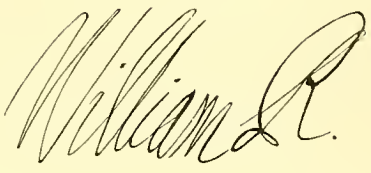

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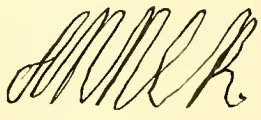

1. King James II., 1451.
2. King James IV., 1503.
3. Mary Queen of Scots, 1568.
4. King James VI., 1590.
5. Christian IV., King of Denmark, 1598.
6. King Charles I., 1630.
7. James Duke of York, afterwards King James II., 1671.
8. King William III., 1698.
9. Queen Anne, 1706.

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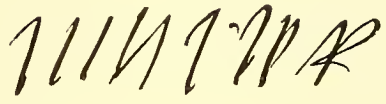

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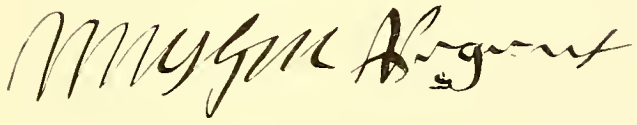

1. John Duke of Albanye, Regent of Scotland, 1522.
2. James Earl of Arran, Regent of Scotland, 1546.
3. Mary Queen Dowager, Regent of Scotland, 1559.
4. James Earl of Murray, Regent of Scotland, 1568.
5. Mathew Earl of Lennox, Regent of Scotland, 1570.

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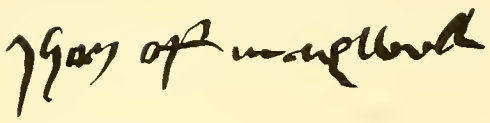

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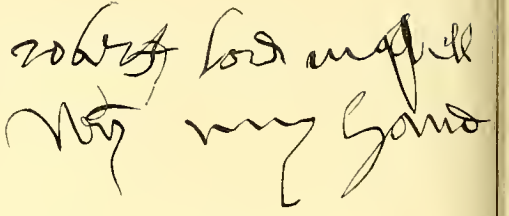

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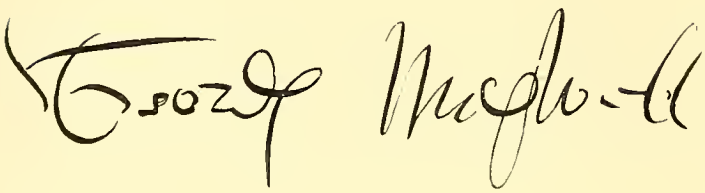

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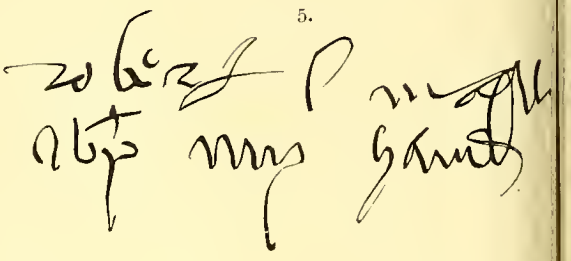

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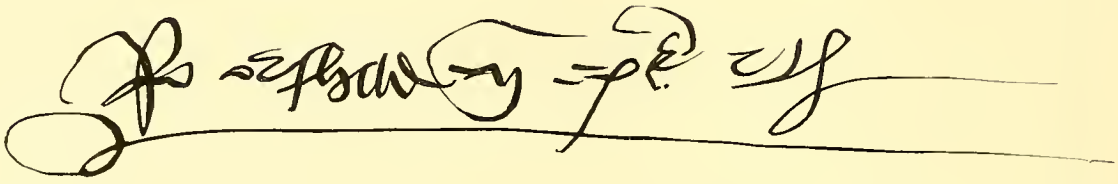

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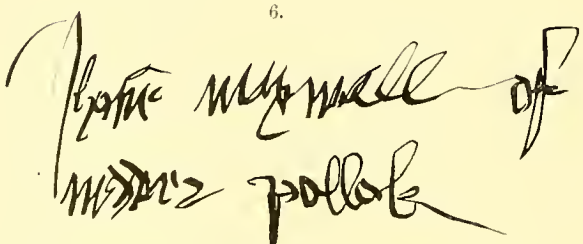

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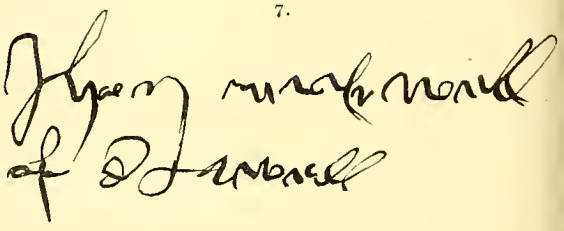

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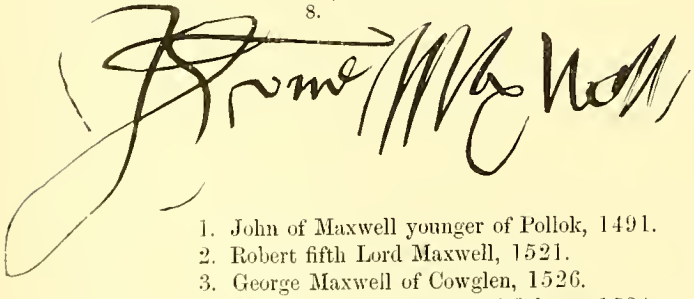

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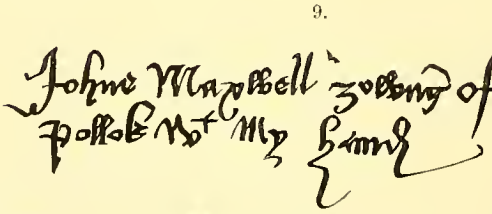

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2. Robert fifth Lord Maxwell, 1521.
3. George Maxwell of Cowglen, 1526.
4. Robert Maxwell, Bishop of Orkney, 1534.
5. Robert fifth Lord Maxwell, 1536.
6. John Maxwell of Pollok, 1544.
7. John Maxwell of Dargavell, 1544.
8. Sir John Maxwell of Terregles, 1553.
9. John Maxwell younger of Pollok, 1562.

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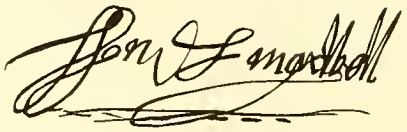

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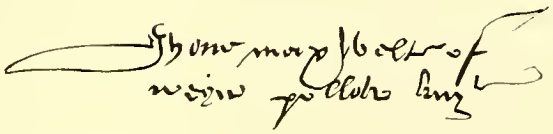

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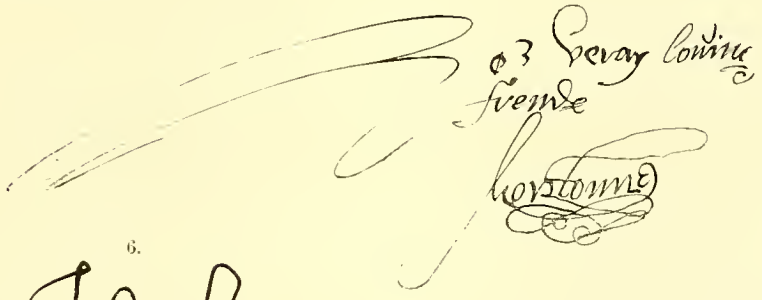

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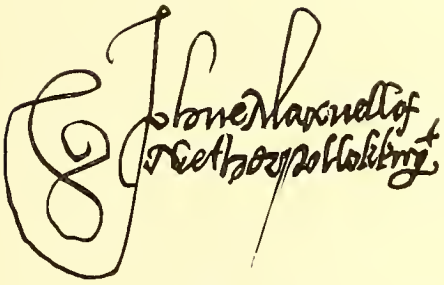

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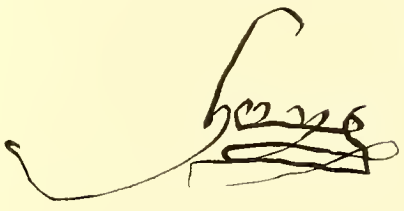

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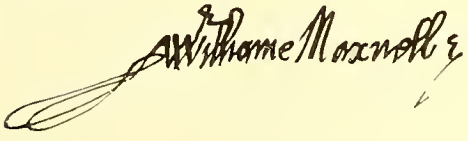

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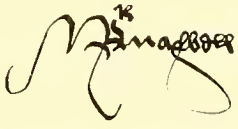

1. John Maxwell, Lord Herries, 1568.
2. John seventh Lord Maxwell, 1573.
3. John seventh Lord Maxwell, 1579.
4. John Maxwell of Pollok, *c.* 1580.
5. John Lord Maxwell, Earl of Mortoune, 1586.
6. Sir John Maxwell of Pollok, 1593.
7. William Maxwell, Lord Herries, 1593.
8. Mr. William Maxwell, Advocate, first of Springkell, 1629.
9. Mr. P[atrick?] Maxwell, brother of No. 8, 1629.

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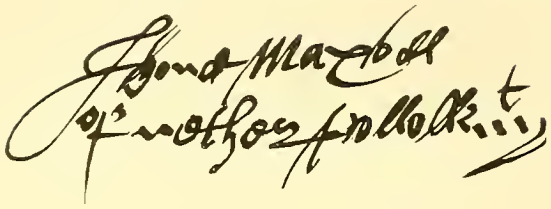

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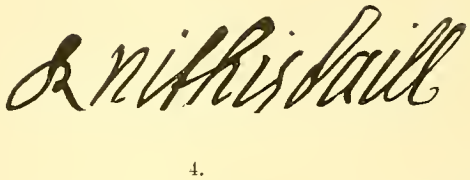

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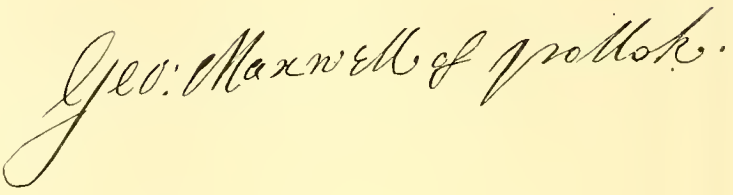

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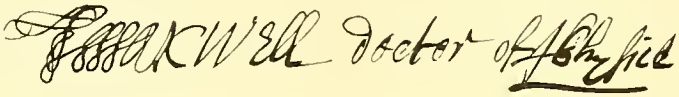

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4. Sir George Maxwell of Pollok, 1673.
5. John Maxwell, M.D., brother of Sir George, 1661.
6. Sir John Maxwell, fourth Baronet, 1753.
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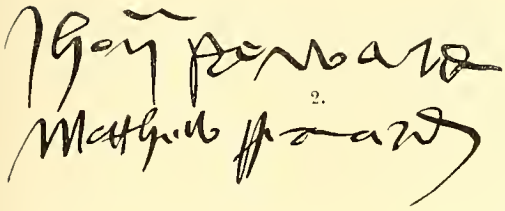

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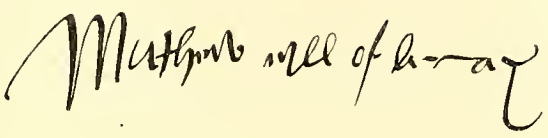

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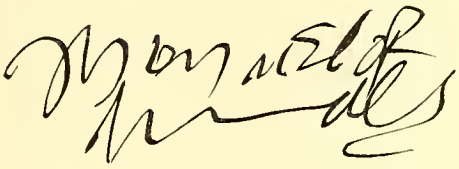

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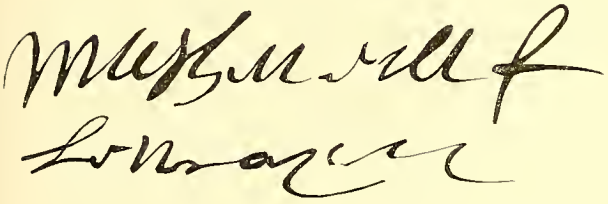

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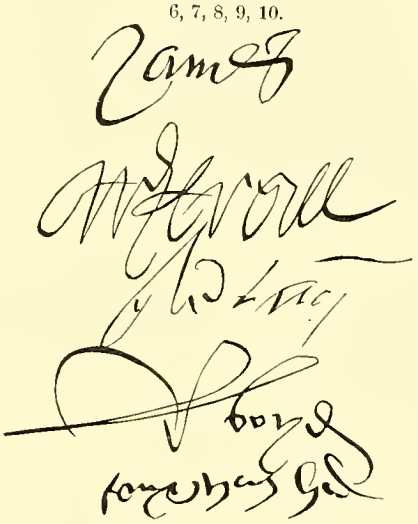

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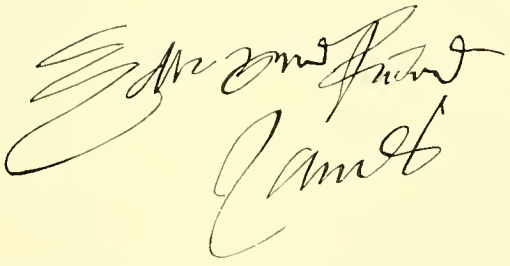

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2. Mathew Steward, his Son, 1493.
3. Mathew Earl of Levenax, 1506.
4. John Earl of Lennox, 1521.
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6. James Duke of Chatelherault, 1559.
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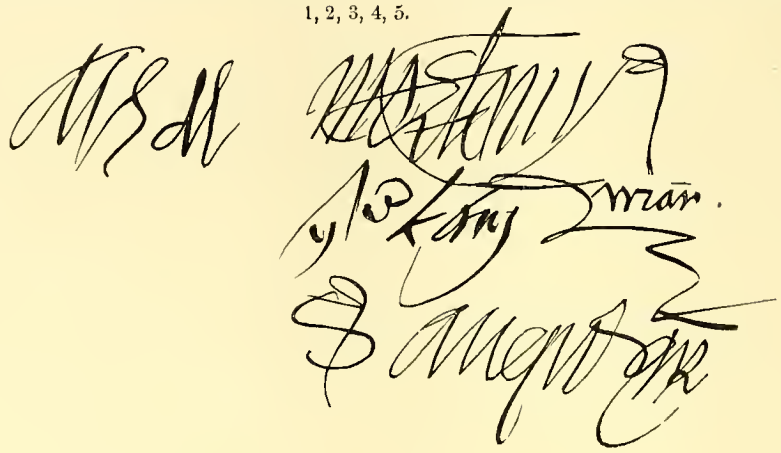

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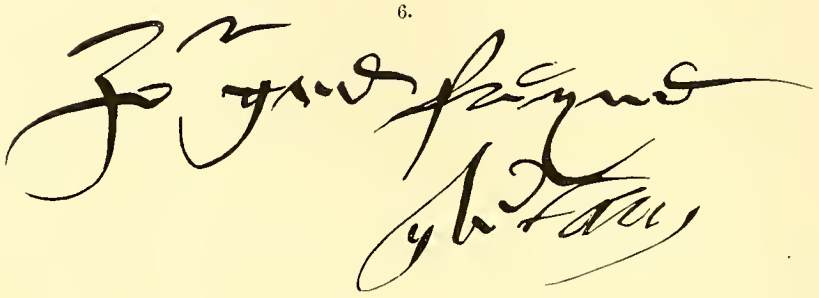

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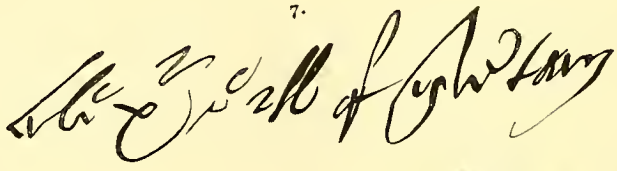

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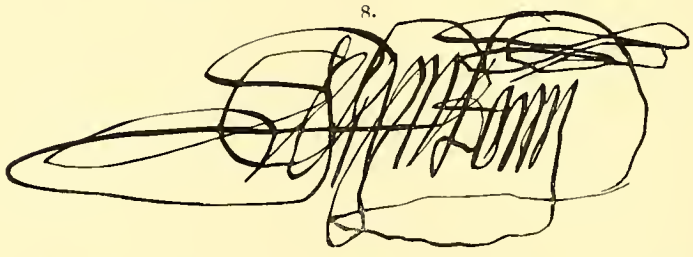

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3. Alexander Earl of Glencairn, 1567.
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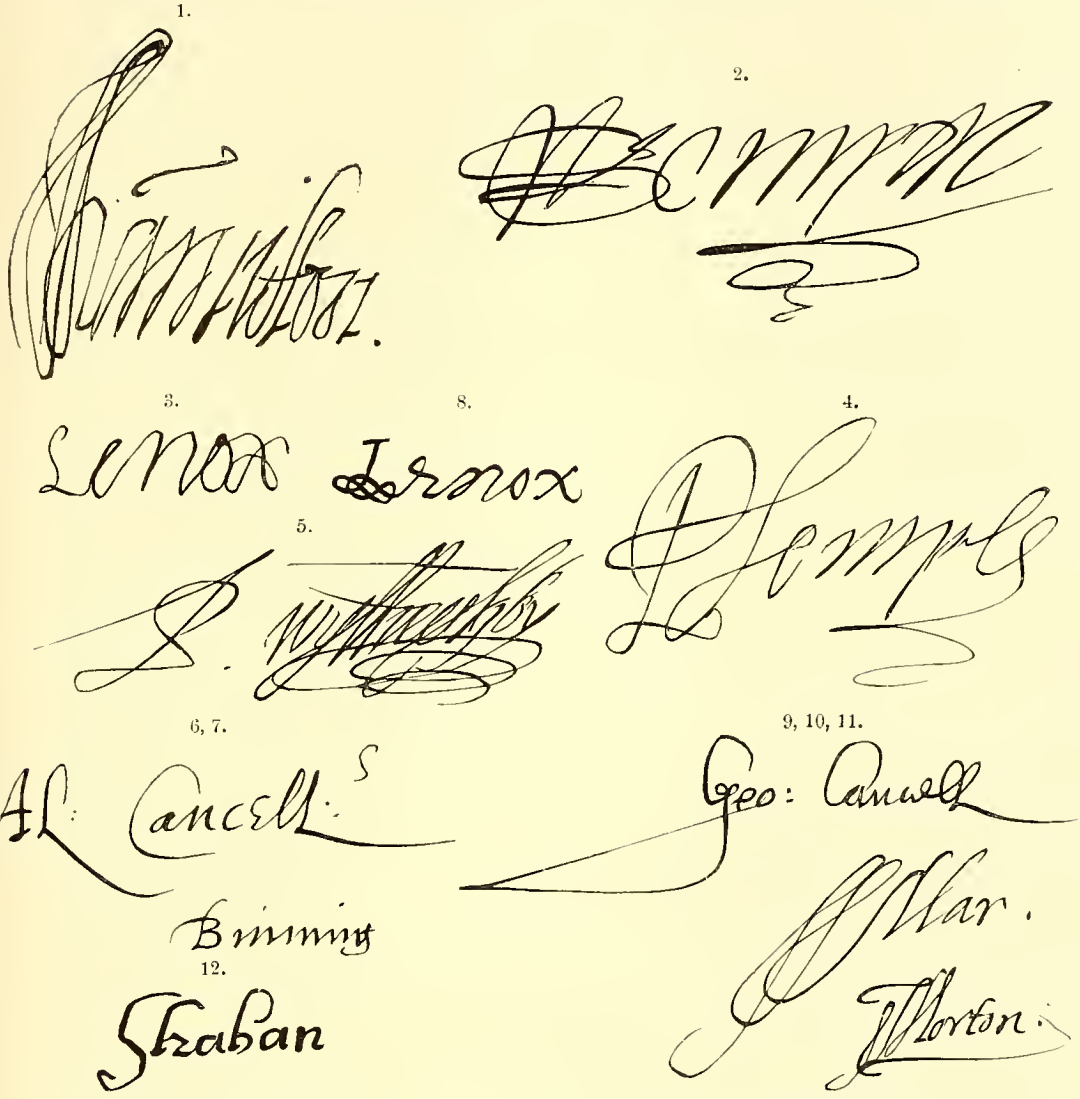

1. Lord John Hamilton, 1588.
2. Robert Lord Sempill, 1589.
3. Ludovick second Duke of Lenox, 1593.
4. Robert Lord Sempill, [1600.]
5. Peregrine Lord Willoughby, 1599.
6. Alexander first Earl of Dunfermline, 1616.
7. Thomas first Lord Binning, 1616.
8. Ludovick second Duke of Lennox, 1617.
9. George Hay, afterwards Earl of Kinnoul, 1623.
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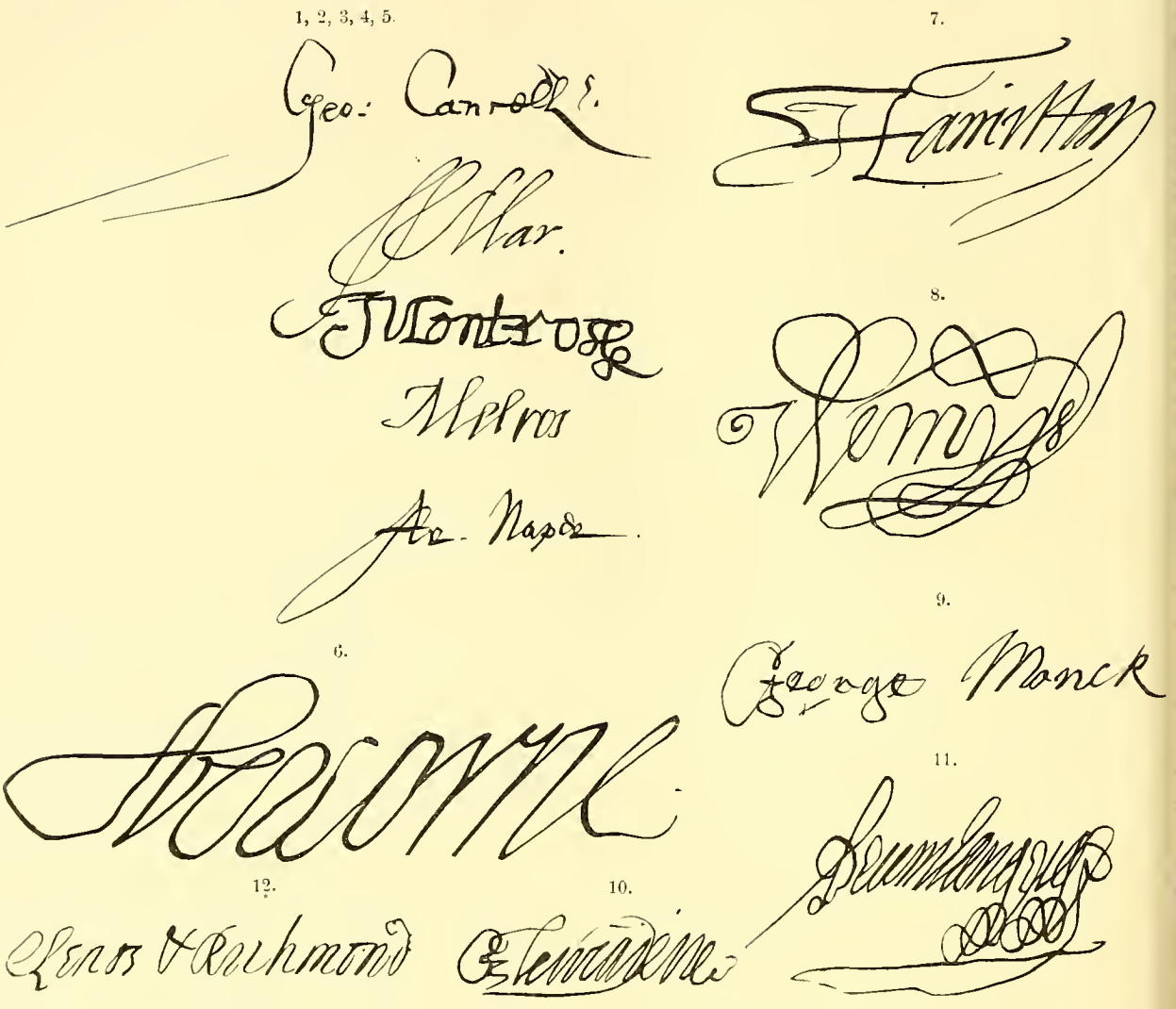

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2. John Earl of Marr, 1626.
3. John Earl of Montrose, 1626.
4. Thomas Earl of Melros, 1626.
5. Archibald Lord Napier, 1626.
6. James second Earl of Abercorn, 1633.
7. James third Marquis of Hamilton, 1638.
8. David second Earl of Wemyss, 1652.
9. General George Monck, 1658.
10. William ninth Earl of Glencairn, 1660.
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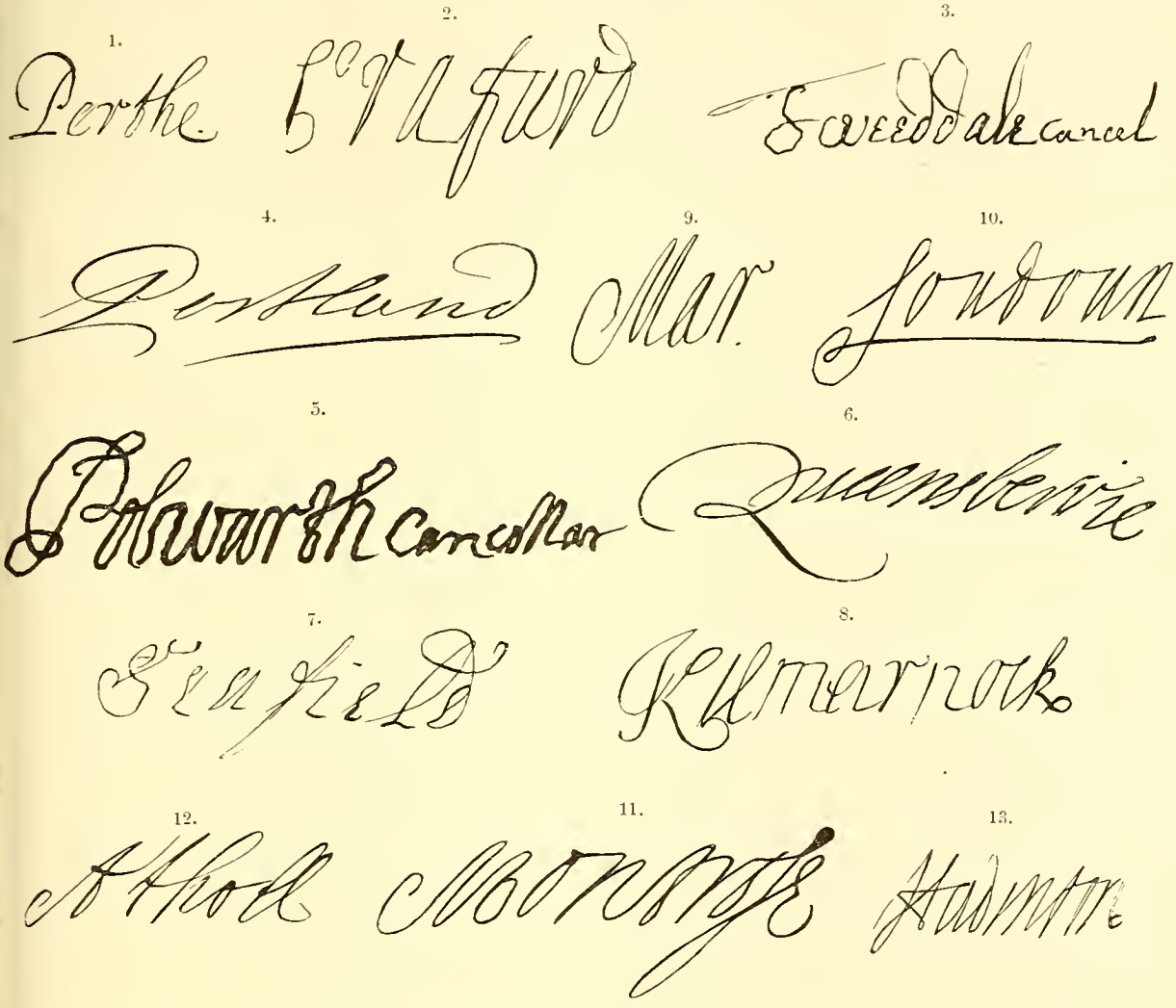

1. James fourth Earl of Perth, 1679.
2. William sixteenth Earl of Crawfurd, 1689.
3. John first Marquis of Tweeddale, 1692.
4. William Earl of Portland, 1696.
5. Patrick first Lord Polwarth, 1697.
6. James second Duke of Queensberrie, 1697.
7. James Viscount of Seafield, 1699.
8. William Earl of Kilmarnock, 1702.
9. John Earl of Mar, 1707.
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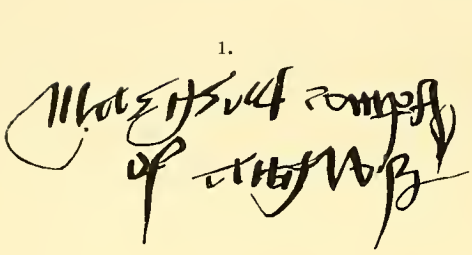

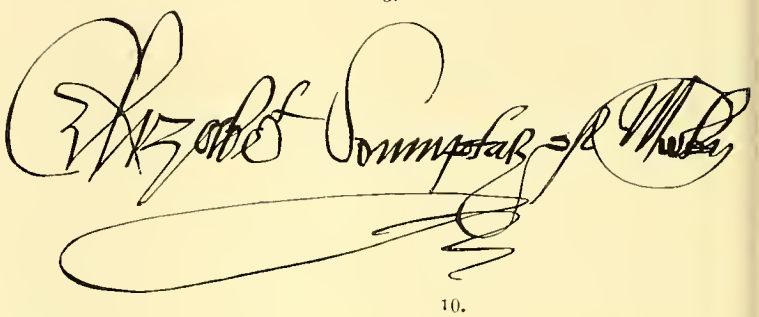

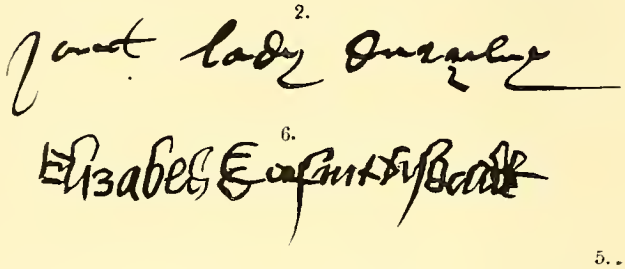

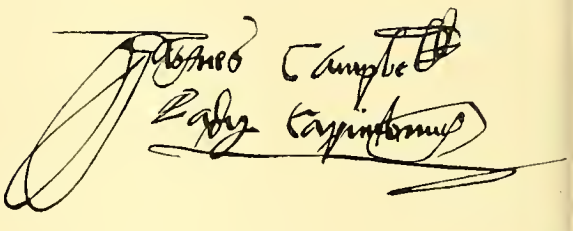

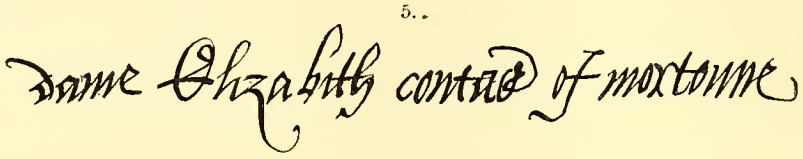

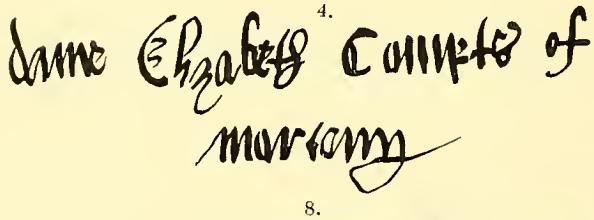

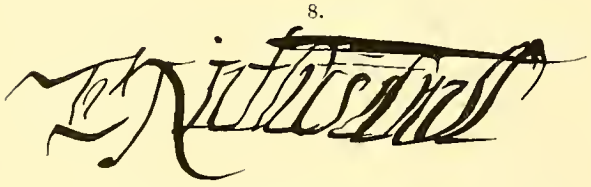

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2. Janet Lady Darnley, *c.* 1560.
3. Lady Elizabeth Douglas, Countess of Mortoun, 1587.
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8. Elizabeth Beaumont, Countess of Nithsdale, 1654.
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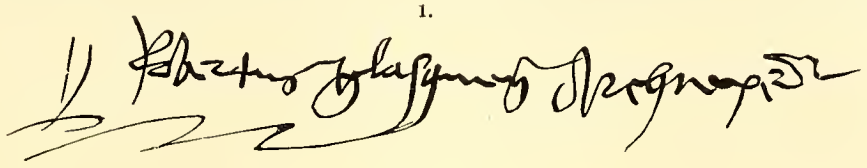

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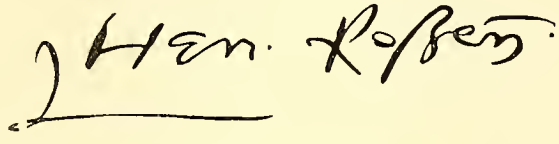

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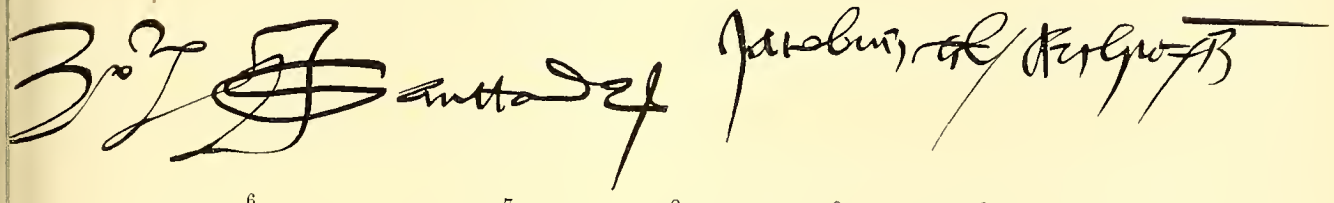

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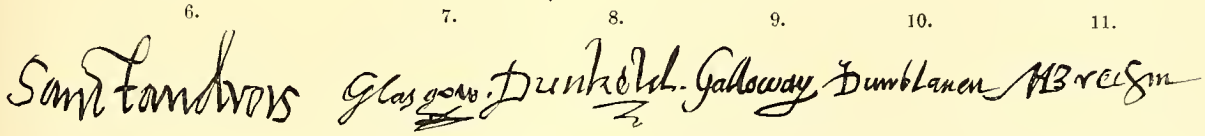

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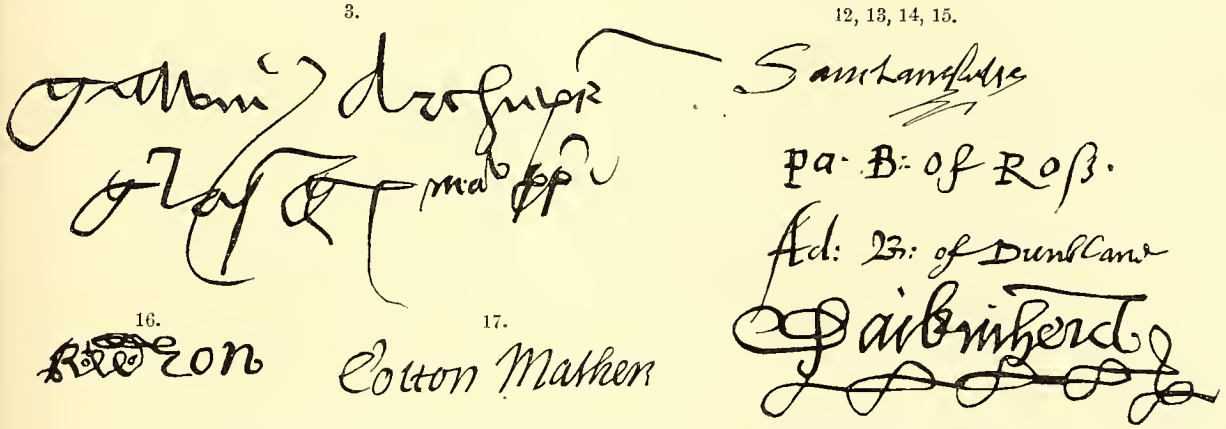

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2. James [Beaton], Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1515.
3. Gavin [Dunbar], Archbishop of Glasgow, 1527.
4. John Hamilton, Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1559.
5. Henry Sinclair, Bishop of Ross, 1562.
6. George Gladstanes, Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1612.
7. John Spotiswood, Archbishop of Glasgow, 1612.
8. Alexander Lindesay, Bishop of Dunkeld, 1612.
9. Gavin Hamilton, Bishop of Galloway, 1612.
10. George Graham, Bishop of Dunblane, 1612.
11. Andrew Lamb, Bishop of Brechin, 1612.
12. John Spottiswood, Archbishop of St. Andrews, 1627.
13. Patrick Lindesay, Bishop of Ross, 1627.
14. Adam Bellenden, Bishop of Dunblane, 1627.
15. David Aikinheid, Provost of Edinburgh, 1627.
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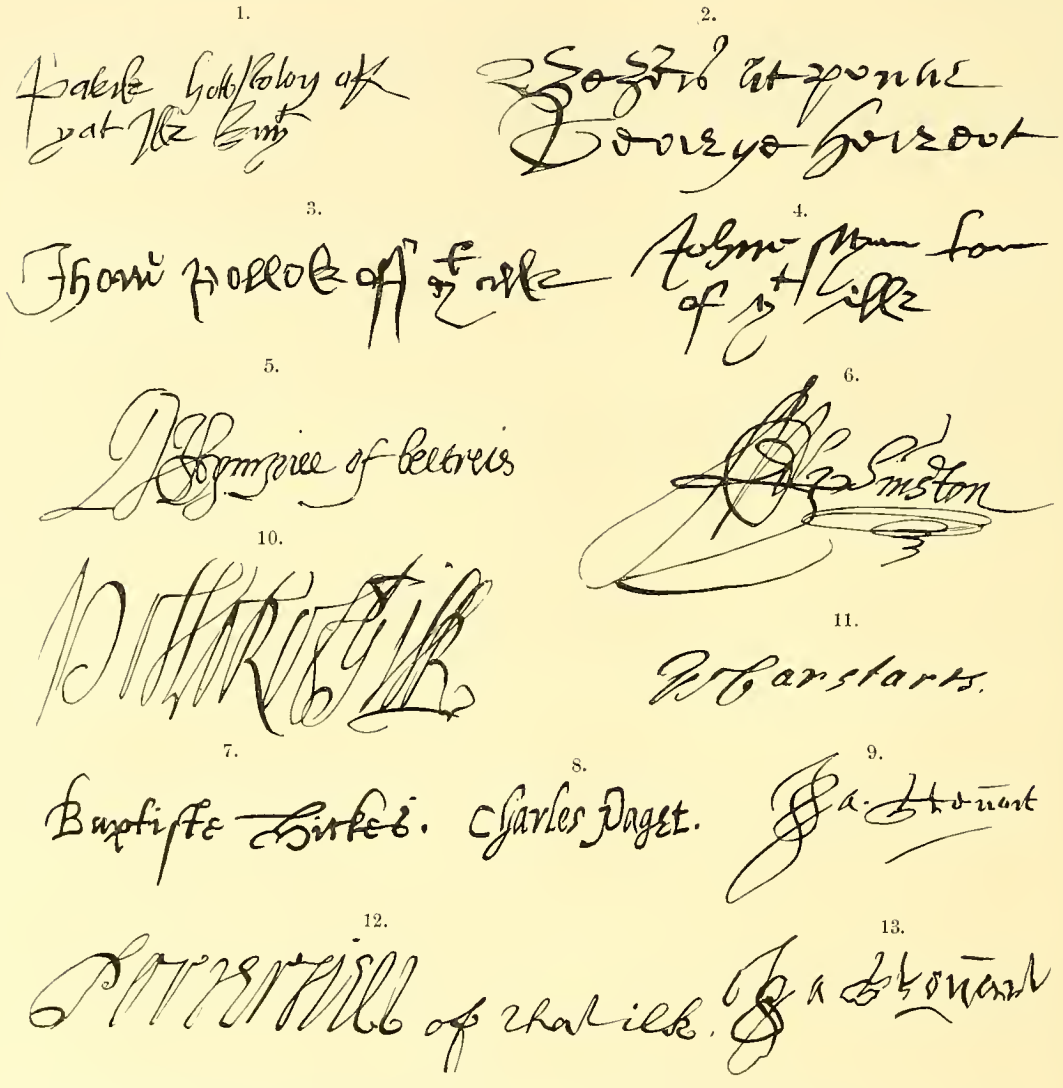

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5. James Sympill of Beltreis, 1599.
6. Sir James Elphinston of Barnton, 1599.
7. Sir Baptiste Hiekes, 1599.
8. Charles Paget, 3d son of Lord Paget, 1602.
9. Sir James Steuart, Lord Advocate, 1694.
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